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# OFFICIAL PROGRAM

## Fiftieth Anniversary City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa

JUNE 10-16, 1906



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OF THE

Fiftieth Anniversary

OF THE

INCORPORATION OF THE CITY OF

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

JUNE 10TH TO 16TH

1906

Adopted by the Semi-Centennial Executive Committee  
June 9, 1906.

*Lewis W. Anderson*

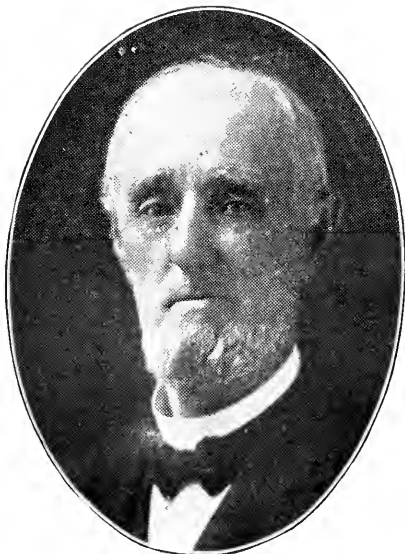
Secretary.

*W. C. Clark*

President.



Cedar Rapids in 1856



HON. ISAAC N. WHITTAM  
Mayor, 1856



HON. AMOS H. CONNOR  
Mayor, 1906

# PROGRAM

## CHURCH DAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 1906

In the morning at 10:30 o'clock, Memorial Services in the several Churches.

In the afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, General Exercises in the City Auditorium.

### GENERAL EXERCISES

Formal Announcement of Opening of the Semi-Centennial Celebration—Hon. E. E. Clark, President of Executive Committee.

Invocation, Rev. Frank S. Broner.

Hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," Sung by Congregation and Chorus.

Responsive Scripture Reading, led by Rev. B. J. Clark.

Apostles' Creed, led by Rev. L. A. Swisher.

Prayer, closing with Lord's Prayer in which the congregation joins, Rev. F. M. Archer.

Address, by the Chairman, Dr. E. R. Burkhalter.



## SUNDAY, JUNE 10—Continued

Historical Sketch of the Churches, Rev. C. W. Maggart.

"The Church as a Moral Force," Rev. A. R. Paul.

Anthem, "Zion Awake," sung by the Jubilee Chorus.

"The Church as a Teaching Body," Rev. John Arthur.

"The Church as a Philanthropic Agency," Rev. T. F. Gunn.

"The Church as a Spiritual Power," Rev. E. J. Lockwood.

Addresses in the Bohemian Tongue, Rev. V. Hlavaty and  
Rev. F. Svrdlík.

Hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee," Congregation and  
Chorus.

"The Church of the Present," Rev. G. B. Van Arsdall.

"The Church of the Future," Rev. J. P. Huggett.

Doxology.

Benediction, Rev. U. F. Smiley.

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# PROGRAM

## HISTORICAL AND CIVIC DAY

### MONDAY, JUNE 11th

- 9:00 A. M.—Exercises at the Vardy Cottage, corner Third street and Seventh avenue East. Address by Dr. Seymour D. Carpenter (1849), now of Chicago, Ill.
- 10:00 A. M.—Exercises at the John Listebarger house, on north First street West. Address by Robert Ellis (1839).
- 11:00 A. M.—Unveiling Memorial Tablet at Y. M. C. A. building. Address by Isaac N. Whittam (Mayor, 1856). Response by Mayor Amos H. Connor.
- 11:30 A. M.—Dedication of Memorial Boulder and Planting of Anniversary Elm in Washington Square. Address by John M. Redmond. Response by Wm. M. Krebs of the Park Commission.
- 1:00 P. M.—Opening of Museum at Free Public Library. Address by Mrs. A. M. McKeel. Response by Frank F. Dawley.

## MONDAY, JUNE 11—Continued

1:45 P. M.—The Historical and Civic Procession will form in front of the Public Library, in charge of John O. Baxter, Master of Ceremonies, and James G. Crozer, Marshal. Line of march to the platform erected at northeast front of the High School, where the exercises will occur as follows:

2:00 P. M.—Invocation—Oldest Visiting Minister connected with a Cedar Rapids Church.  
Music

Mayor A. H. Connor welcoming Visitors and Introducing President of the Day.

President's Address—Col. Charles A. Clark.

The Historical Day Address—Rev. E. R. Burkhalter.

### *Reminiscences—*

For the Pioneers of 1839—Read by Miss Emma Fordyce.

From 1840 to 1850—Col. Samuel W. Durham.

From 1850 to 1860—C. M. Hollis.

From 1860 to 1866—Gen. John H. Stibbs.

From 1866 to 1906—Dr. Jesse H. Smith.

"Cedar Rapids of Today"—James H. Crosby.

"History-makers of Tomorrow"—Howard Clements.

Music

In connection with the above program it should be remembered that the Linn County Old Settlers' Association will be present and participate in the events of the day.



Union Passenger Station

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# PROGRAM

## EDUCATION AND WOMAN'S DAY

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TUESDAY, JUNE 12

Chairmen of the Day—

Mrs. Chas. C. Loomis and Rev. J. P. Huggett.

FORENOON:—

Band Concert in the Business Section.

Alumni Reunions as arranged.

NOON:—

University Club Luncheon.

1:30 P. M.

Parade of Floats representing Educational and Benevolent Institutions. David Turner, Marshal.

2:30 P. M.

Public Program at the Auditorium:

Preliminary Concert by the State University Band.

Invocation, Pres. William Wilberforce Smith.

Music, Mrs. Frank R. Watson.

Address, Mrs. J. J. Seerley, Burlington, Iowa.

Address, Prof. Thomas H. Macbride, Iowa City, Iowa.

Music, Trio, Mrs. Frank R. Watson, Allan H. Metcalf, and Harry P. McKnight.

4:00 P. M.

Reception in the banquet room of The Montrose to the women of the city and visiting women. Mrs. H. E. Witwer, Chairman.

8:00 P. M.

Open Air Concert in Washington Square by the State University Military Band.

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## INDUSTRIAL DAY

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13th

- 10:00 A. M.—Opening of Twentieth Annual Convention of Iowa State Bankers' Association at Greene's Opera House.
- 10:30 A. M.—Industrial Parade—T. A. Berkebile, Marshal.
- 7:00 P. M.—Open Air Concert in Washington Square, by Kurtz's Concert Band of Lisbon, Iowa.
- 8:00 P. M.—At the Auditorium—Banquet to the State Bankers' Association, tendered by the Clearing House Banks of Cedar Rapids.
- 8:00 P. M.—At Greene's Opera House—Meeting under the auspices of the Federation of Labor, Master of Ceremonies, J. M. Carl. Speakers: A. L. Urick, of Des Moines, Iowa; Edwin Perry, of Oskaloosa Iowa; Phil Carstensen, of Clinton, Iowa; D. A. Melloy, of Dubuque, Iowa.



Masonic Temple—Home of Commercial Club

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# PROGRAM

## BOHEMIAN-AMERICAN DAY

THURSDAY, JUNE 14th

1. Salute, 21 guns, at 5:00 A. M. 127th Anniversary of the Stars and Stripes.
2. Serenade, at principal places in city by band.  
Welcome of guests at depots and reception to farmers  
cavalcades. Sight-seeing.
3. Riverside Park at 10:00 A. M.  
Dedication of Memorial Boulder by E. Pazdera, President  
of Association Bohemian Societies for Bohemian-American  
Day.  
Raising of American Flag.
4. Selection, Kouba's Band.
5. Address, in Bohemian and English, Jos. Mekota.
6. Song "Star Spangled Banner" by children of Bohemian  
Schools.
7. Contests and drills by ladies and children of the Sokols  
Gymnastic School.

### AFTERNOON

Parade, starting at C. S. P. S. Hall, at 1:00 P. M., F. W. Slapnicka, Grand Marshal, through principal streets to Riverside Park, where following program will be rendered.

1. "Bohemian National Airs," Concerto, Kouba's Band.
2. Address of welcome, Hon. A. H. Connor, Mayor.
3. "America," selection, Kouba's Band.
4. Address, Hon. I. N. Whittam, first mayor of Cedar  
Rapids, 1856.
5. Address, Prof. B. Shimek, Iowa City, Iowa.
6. Contests and drill by C. R. Sokols, giving drill to be  
given at Chicago contest, with lancers decorated with  
National colors, B. Trefny, leader and instructor.
7. Songs, by children of Bohemian Catholic School.
8. Address by Rev. F. Svrdlík.
9. Exercises and drill by Bohemian Catholic Societies and  
Cadets.
10. Music, Kouba's Band.
11. Address by Hon. J. L. Palda.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 14—Continued

12. National Bohemian Hymn, "Kde domov můj," by "Hlahol Singing Society."
13. Drill by Foresters, Camp "Odvaha" 3869, M. W. A.
14. "America" by singing societies, school children and audience.

Grand Festival for all, with attraction and gaieties of the olden Bohemian days.

### EVENING.

Theatrical performances at C. S. P. S. Hall and the Catholic School at 8:00 P. M.





THURSDAY EVENING—EXTRA  
Cedar Rapids Semi-Centennial Jubilee Chorus of Two  
Hundred Voices

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GRAND POPULAR CONCERT—Thursday evening, June  
14, 1906, at the City Auditorium, First Street between  
First and B Avenues, at 8:15 o'clock.

ASSISTED BY

MARION GREEN, of Chicago, Basso Cantante,  
JENNIE THATCHER BEACH, of Chicago, Soprano,  
Agnes Kouba, Pianist, and Schmidt's Concert Orchestra.  
ERNEST A. LEO, Conductor.

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3,000 Seats at 25 cents. Reserved seats 50 cents, at the music store of  
A. H. Niles, 220 South Third Street.

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## FRATERNAL AND MILITARY DAY

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FRIDAY, JUNE 15th

REVEILLE—6:30 A. M.

Firing the Salute.

Raising Flag.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

By the different Fraternal Societies at their headquarters and  
at the Auditorium.

MUSIC.

Bands all forenoon in various parts of the City.

AFTERNOON.

1:30—Forming of Parade. 2:00 o'clock sharp—Parade to start  
on line of march.

PRIZES.

Three o'clock—Prize Drills by competing military and uniform  
bodies.

ADDRESSES.

3:30—Addresses by noted speakers of the day.  
Hon Martin J. Wade of Iowa City.  
Hon. John D. Denison, of Dubuque.

RETREAT—7:15 P. M.

Sunset Gun.

Lowering Flag.

EVENING.

8:30—Grand Fraternal and Military Ball at Auditorium, which  
will complete the celebration of the day.

MARSHAL FOR THE DAY  
R. N. BUCK.

# PROGRAM

## GALA DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

No definite program has been arranged for this day. It is set apart as a day for showing special hospitality to visitors in the city, for re-union of former citizens who shall come "home," for visiting the parks, and for general rejoicing.

Moreover, it is probable that some events named in the program for earlier days in the week may have to be postponed until today, because of bad weather or other reasons.



Cedar River and Train

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# ORGANIZATION

## FOR THE

# SEMI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

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About two years ago the idea originated in the Commercial Club, which was later taken up by the Linn County Historical Society, of celebrating the Semi-Centennial of this city. This idea was later discussed by the city press and by a large number of the old pioneers, some of whom were active in obtaining the city charter in 1856, and are still living. Mayor C. D. Huston then printed a call in the city newspapers for a public meeting to discuss the matter of a celebration. This meeting was held on September 27, 1905, in the auditorium of the Public Library. At this meeting churches, secret societies, lodges, orders, literary societies, professional societies, and nearly every other organization in the city were represented by one or more duly authenticated delegates. It consisted of a representative body of men and women in various walks of life, residents of this city. At this meeting Mayor C. D. Huston was named as chairman, and Luther A. Brewer as secretary. After a general discussion by various persons of how the celebration should be carried out, a motion was made and carried, to the effect that the chairman should be directed to appoint a committee of seven persons, with full power to act and make a report at a future meeting. On October 3, 1905, the chairman reported that he had appointed a representative committee as follows, to-wit:

John M. Grimm, C. W. Bingham, Frank Hase", George McDonnell, Martin Beck, Sr., H. B. Soutter, John N. Hughes. The committee of seven appointed on November 3, 1905, a committee of twenty-one (21) to have charge of the contemplated celebration. This committee is made up as follows, to-wit:

Hon. Chas. D. Huston,  
Mr. John S. Ely,  
Mr. John M. Grimm,  
Rev. J. P. Huggett,  
Mr. J. F. Rall,  
Mr. F. W. Slapnicka,  
Mr. Frank J. Zobel,  
Mr. Lew W. Anderson,  
\*Hon. John B. Henderson,  
Mr. Henry Gundling,

Mr. E. E. Clark,  
Mr. Walter L. Cherry,  
Mr. C. W. Bingham,  
Mr. George T. Hedges,  
Mr. John W. Barry,  
Hon. W. G. Dows,  
Mr. Robert I. Safely,  
Dr. J. J. Murphy,  
\*Mr. Joseph Vondracek,  
Mr. C. Denecke,

Mr. A. M. Varner.

The committee of twenty-one (21) organized on November 10, 1905, and elected the following permanent officers: to wit: E. E. Clark, President, John M. Grimm, First Vice-President, \*Joseph Vondracek, Second Vice-President, Col. Wm. G. Dows, Third Vice-President, Lew W. Anderson, Secretary, John S. Ely, Treasurer. (3)

\*Resigned; vacancy not filled.

(3) R. T. Forbes elected Assistant Treasurer.



#### SUB-COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

On Program—C. G. Greene, Chairman; W. J. Maxwell, E. O. Mansfield, F. V. Hasek, R. N. Buck.

Financial Committee—J. H. Taft, Chairman; George Williams, R. I. Safely, S. G. Armstrong, Frank Filip, W. G. Watt, W. P. Powell, J. F. Rall, I. L. Mitchell, Frank Malley, E. R. Moore, E. W. Virden, A. E. Nugent, W. G. Haskell, M. S. Jackson, Dr. H. W. Bender, Jas. York, W. O. Clemans, Don Barnes, H. D. Cone, E. A. Higley, A. T. Swenson, B. H. Witwer, Jr., J. H. Crosby.

Historical and Civic Day—C. G. Greene, B. L. Wick, A. N. Harbert, J. E. Morcombe, R. H. Holbrook, To this committee was added T. Will Runkle, to succeed Mr. Holbrook, who resigned; A. H. Connor, J. H. Rothrock, J. W. Good, W. C. Byers, D. A. Röss.

Church Day—Revs. E. R. Burkhalter, T. F. Gunn, E. J. Lockwood, John Arthur, A. R. Paul.

Educational and Woman's Day—Rev. J. P. Huggett, John Broeksmit, John M. Redmond, W. R. Boyd, Jos. Mekota, and Mesdames C. C. Loomis, J. A. Berry, W. H. McClintock, E. N. McKim and Miss Emma Fordyce.

Industrial Day—<sup>(1)</sup>A. H. Newman, Chairman; E. C. Clark, A. N. Watson, R. H. Snyder, H. S. Keffer.

Bohemian-American Day—Jos. Koslovsky, <sup>(2)</sup>P. Hromatko, F. J. Zobel, Jos. Simon, Jos. Naibert.

Fraternal and Military Day—R. N. Buck, Chairman; J. A. Limback, R. T. Forbes, T. A. Berkebile, John Burianek.

Committee on Publicity—R. T. Forbes, Chairman; F. A. Elson, E. A. Sherman.

Committee on Amusement—J. S. Ely, Chairman; C. W. Bingham, Dr. J. J. Murphy.

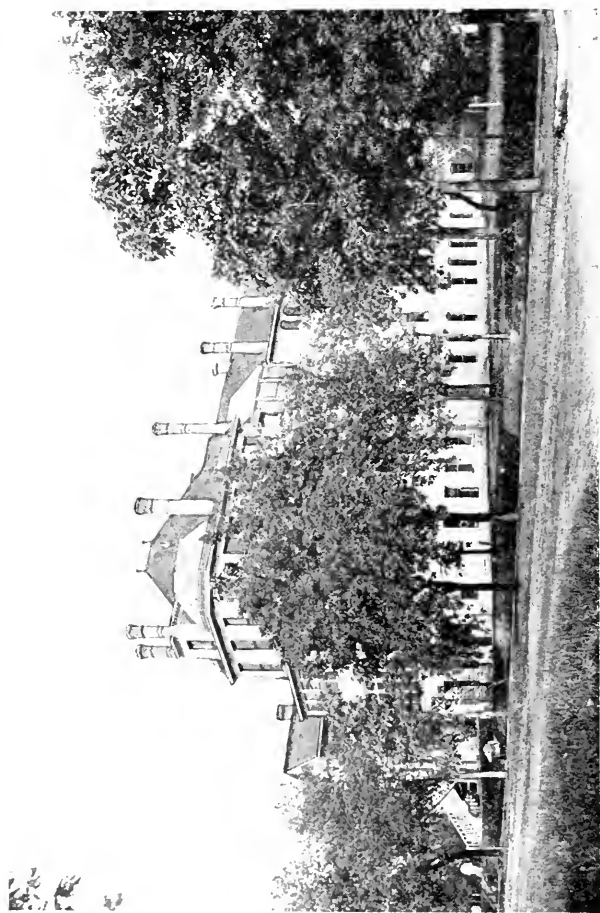
Committee on Band Music—H. Gundling, Chairman; Col. Wm. G. Dows.

Chorus Committee—Mrs. Frank Watson, President; W. R. Beard, Secretary & Treasurer; Henry Gundling, Chairman; Prof. E. A. Leo, Director.

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(1) I. L. Mitchell appointed vice A. H. Newman

(2) Resigned from Committee.



St. Luke's Hospital

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# HISTORY OF CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

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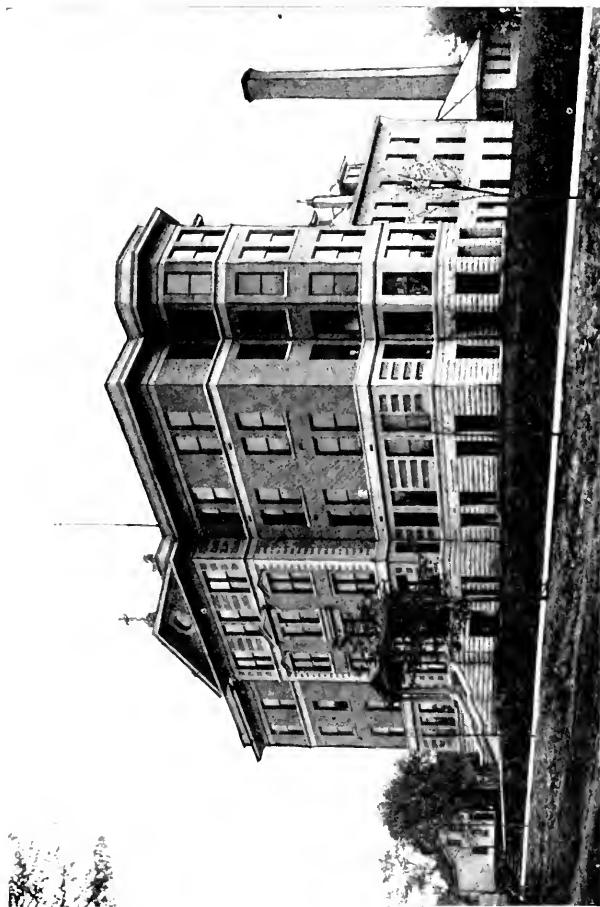
## A BRIEF FOREWORD

To bring the history of Cedar Rapids within compass of a pamphlet is no small task. The difficulty is increased when but a few days can be given to the work. It can not be hoped to avoid inaccuracies when incomplete search and hurried writing are necessitated. Much time and great patience will be required to gather adequate and trustworthy material, and especially in matters relating to the earlier years. But in a sketch which is not expected to present more than an outline, faults can be forgiven which, in a more serious form, would be unpardonable.

To tell the full story of the resultful years will tax the resources and test the ability of the most thoroughly qualified writer. The flavor and romance of pioneer times can only be brought out by one in sympathy with his subject, and having intimate knowledge of the people, the manner of their lives, and the events in which they had part. Within the narrowed horizon of a community it is also possible for the historian to estimate the value of personalities, where in a wider field the individual is lost sight of, and only mass movements are considered. It will be found, when the definitive history of the city is written, that present status and prosperity were made possible because of the devotion, self-sacrifice and superb faith of a few men among the earliest settlers. To write the biographies of these would be to tell the changing fortunes of the community. Yet hardly more than bare mention of such lives and services for the common good can be made in these pages.

Nor can we attempt here any analysis of the course of events. The reader must draw his own deductions and judge for himself on the facts presented. It has seemed better to arrange the material in a broad classification rather than to follow through the years in strict chronological order. The latter plan might be more simple in the writing, but would be confusing to the reader. Groupings of essential facts will facilitate reference, and make this sketch of greater value.

It is not possible, within these limits, to avail ourselves of the wealth of reminiscence which recent interest has developed. The inclusion of such material would add a picturesque ele-



Mercy Hospital

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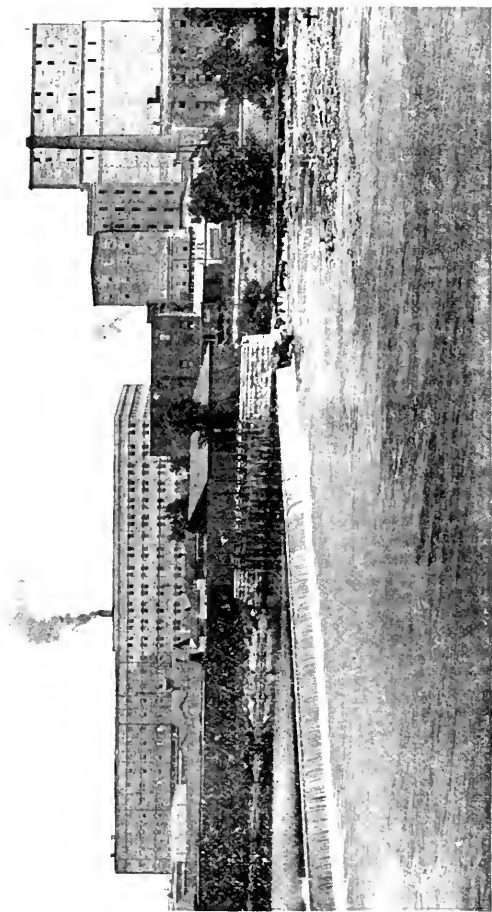
ment, delightful to the reader, but would really give but small increase to the stock of facts which it is desirable to present. The work of the daily papers of the city for some time past has opened up a rich vein of personal relation. Very great and successful efforts are being made by these same newspapers to gather all available material for semi-centennial editions. We can also confidently expect that the sentiment aroused by this celebration will result in bringing much more and valuable historical data. All this will be used, doubtless, and put in permanent form when time shall allow for selection, verification and recasting of all the varied material.

It is perhaps natural for each person to magnify out of due proportion the particular subject or phase of a subject in which he has greatest interest. To the historical student it would seem that this semi-centennial celebration in Cedar Rapids is important chiefly as it may set up a memorial of past time. It is essentially retrospective, concerned with what has been done and with the men of the town who are most worthy of remembrance for things accomplished. Thus viewing the motive of the event the present becomes only a summing of past effort, while the future must as surely develop on lines established in all these years.

If it were in place to dedicate this hurried and incomplete sketch, and such decision rested with the present writer, it should be to "The Pioneers"—to the memory of those who toiled in the day of small things; whose labors can never be adequately recorded, because they had neither time nor skill of pen; whose sole record of life is told in dates of birth and death on modest headstones. To these stalwart men and patient women of the past, who first conquered the wilderness, whose faith and labor built the city; who, without just knowing all there was of dignity and grandeur in their days, yet did loyally and with splendid results God's own work in filling and making fruitful an empty land.

JOS. E. MORCOMBE.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, May 25, 1906.



Quaker Oats Elevator

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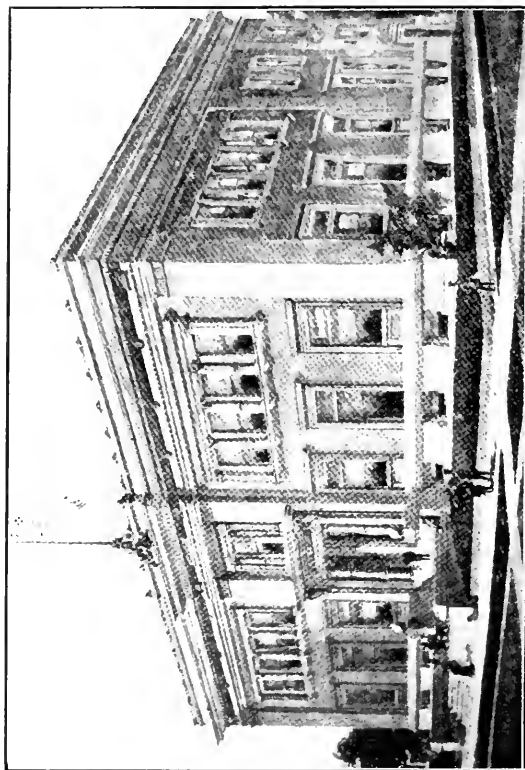
## THE TIME OF BEGINNINGS

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A resident of Cedar Rapids, the late J. L. Enos, wrote thus in 1857 of the pioneers, who were even then departing:

"There is always more or less of interest connected with the early days of any city, and it is not until after years that the record becomes of value. The pioneer suffers privations and perils of which future occupants can realize but little. In fact the honor paid them is seldom equal to their merits. Oftentimes they are as illy prepared to receive as others are to bestow sympathy and praise. Among some of the first settlers of this city were some men of historic character. A few of these are yet with us; others have moved further on to enjoy what habit has taught them—a frontier life. A few have gone down to the gate of common departure, their years being full, and their memories yet linger to make us glad that we lived with, knew and loved them."

There is a period of a few years following upon 1838 when the first cabin was erected within the limits of the present city, of which our material is meagre and fragmentary. Yet, if it be still possible to discover new sources of information, or to properly piece together the scattered data, the history of these dim years will be a most valuable contribution to our knowledge of frontier life. Its picturesque views are supplied by the operations of a daring and criminal band whose headquarters were here fixed for convenience in depredation and escape. The tide of immigration as it flowed over the middle and further West, carried on its waves the detritus of humanity. Restless and adventurous spirits, scorning the restraints of law and fearing little its enforcement in the wilderness, were really the advance guard of white settlement. The very nature of their lives and their criminal pursuits precluded them from permanence of location. The rising and advancing tide bore them on to give the same background of violence and lawlessness to the history of other communities. Some, indeed tempted by habitude and past immunity from punishment, ventured to remain. Between these and the early settlers there ensued a few years of active skirmishing. Raids made upon property and stock of the pioneers were followed by pursuit, oftentimes by battle and other summary punishment. The



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first man to erect a white habitation upon the site of the present city of Cedar Rapids was Osgood Shepard, a man of more than shady reputation. Of this man and his companions, James L. Enos, writing in 1866, had to say as follows:

"The crimes committed by Shepard and his gang were for years a constant annoyance. John Young and a man named Granger were his immediate associates. The islands in the river, particularly the one above the dam, were used as places in which to conceal their plunder. A great number of horses and other property was stolen by them, and in most cases they succeeded in so secreting and hiding their booty as to avoid detection."

A close analysis of the few facts available would indicate that Shepard was a cautious fellow, and not the controlling spirit of this band. He furnished to others a place of resort, used his facilities to secure information as to plunder and pursuit, and shared with the more active criminals in their gains. With a broad-minded tolerance the first *bona fide* settlers distinguished between him and his guests. It does not appear that Shepard suffered molestation while relentless war was declared. Rev. George R. Carroll adds something to our knowledge of this man by describing him as large built, a sandy complexion, good-natured in disposition, and accommodating and agreeable as a landlord. To finish with Shepard, it is known that he left the embryo town in 1840 after having disposed of his "squatter rights" to the claim which now comprises the main part of the city. Many years after he is said to have reformed and become religious. He was killed by a railroad train in Wisconsin and doubtless died in the ardor of sanctity.

Next to make permanent settlement at this point was Robert Ellis, who came during the spring of 1838. He found one, John Young, claiming the land running south along the river from what is now Third avenue. Mr. Young had a partner named Granger. Both were members of the band of criminals above mentioned. The two remained but a short time, disappearing simultaneously with a half-dozen horses belonging to various settlers. Young is believed to have been hanged for murder in a neighboring state and Granger was sentenced to a term in the penitentiary in Alton for passing counterfeit money in Chicago. William Stone, who is believed to have been a settler in the immediate locality even before Shepard, had a claim on the west side of the river, extending north to the bluff.



Post Office Building

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A Mr. Galloway was also located on the west side, the lands which he held by shady title running south along the river bank and indefinitely into the interior. One, Philip Hull, was here at the time, but his was only a transient location. The persons thus named were the only occupants of land lying in or near the site of the future city at the time of Mr. Ellis' arrival. To this pioneer, living yet to celebrate with us this Semi-Centennial occasion, having a knowledge of Cedar Rapids for sixty-eight years—the full period of white habitation—the wonder at the growth and progress must come with the greatest force. Owing to the fact that Mr. Ellis was absent from the locality and state during long periods of the early years, his knowledge of the early events is incomplete and the reminiscent chain is broken now and then at its most interesting point.

O. S. Bowling comes next on the list of early settlers, finding a location during the summer of 1838 on the west side of the river, at about what is now Twelfth avenue. In April, 1839, Joseph H. and John Listebarger reached this place and soon after erected a cabin, also on the west side. Another brother, Isaac Listebarger, came later in the same year, and also made claim. Almost immediately after (June 18, 1839) Thos. Gainor and David W. King took up permanent abodes in the city. Mrs. Rosehanna Gainor was the first white woman to find a home on the west bank of the Cedar River. Mr. King also located on the west side, opposite the island, and Mr. Gainor a short distance back upon the prairie. Farnum Colby was another settler in 1839, locating in what is now the north-west portion of the city.

The year 1840 brought several persons to reinforce the little group clustered near the ford of the river, just below the rapids. Among these were Levi Lewis, who built a cabin near the present entrance to the Oak Hill Cemetery. During these years also came Nicholas B. Brown, Porter W. Earle and others. In fact it may be said that from the year 1840 dates the history of the town as a settled center to which emigrants were attracted. With infinite temerity, hard now to understand, this little group of individuals began to put forward feelers of trade and industry. The water power of the rapids, having been a source of attraction for those having crude engineering skill, in 1842 the first dam was put across the river at this point. Immediately upon its completion a saw mill was erected and as soon as the crops were raised, and the need existed, so soon

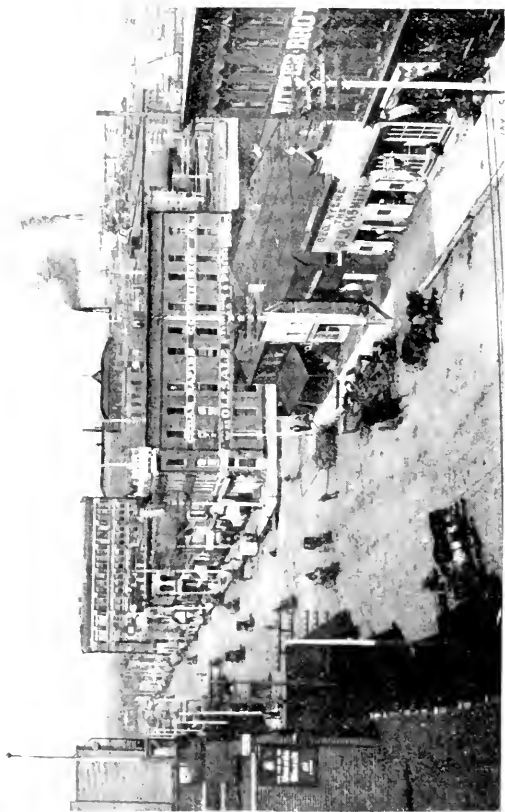


Douglas Starch Works

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flour mills were built. These infant industries brought settlers from the surrounding country to this place for trade. In 1842 the first stocks of merchandise were exhibited in the town, and the first merchants were Joseph and George Green, followed closely by Charles Mulford. Nor were the moral or educative necessities of the infantile community neglected. The first divine service was held in 1840 by Rev. John Hodges, a Methodist circuit preacher. During the next year he gathered those of his particular faith together into a coherent class; the first indication of a religious organization. Almost before there were children of a number sufficient to be taught, arrangements were made for schools. The first classes in the village were taught by Miss Emily Coffman. In 1842 a school house was erected just north of the present city, and in '46 a more ambitious building was prepared for the children, in the heart of the city. It is not possible in a sketch of this kind to follow out the various details showing the growth of all of the necessities which go to make up the life of the city. Suffice it to say that the pioneers with their splendid faith in themselves and in the future, neglected nothing which was within their reach. That which they in their days deemed of great worth and of exceeding magnitude, must of necessity appear small in our eyes, yet they must be judged by their surroundings and their times. If there is one thing more than another upon which this community has reason to pride itself, it is the masterful personality of the men who first assumed control. They leave an abiding impress upon all of the affairs of the city, and started its interests along a definite line which even now is being pursued, all unconscious of the beginnings.





Scene on First Street East

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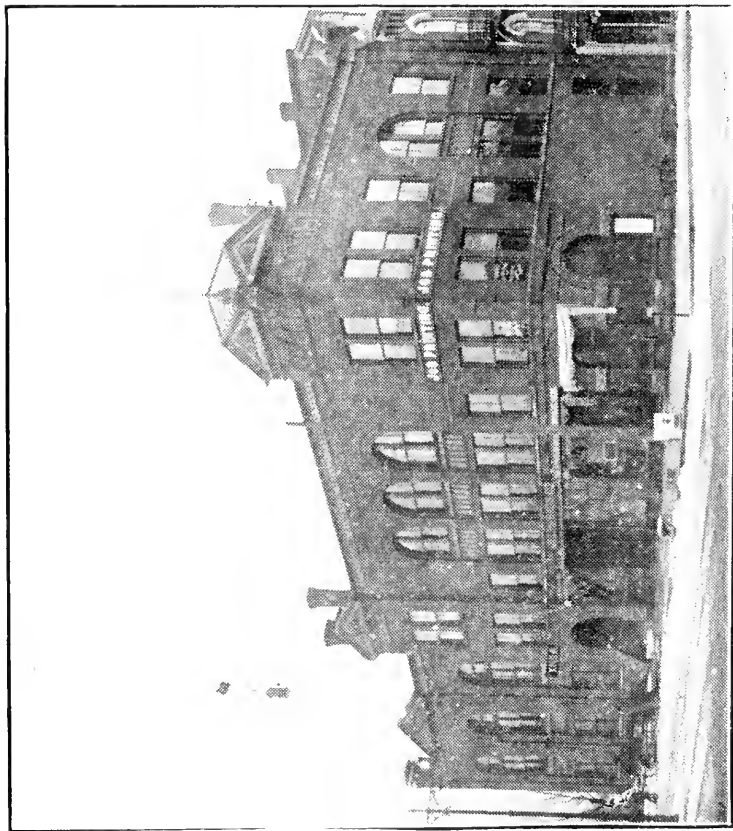


## CEDAR RAPIDS IN 1856

The year named above, opening the semi-centennial period now being celebrated, really gives to the enquirer first solid ground of local history. Of that which precedes, as in some prehistoric time, what has survived is fragmentary, oftentimes fictitious. A very rapid survey of the city, its business interests, and the subjects of community interest will allow comparisons to be made at will or fancy of the reader.

Rapid growth of the town made demand for labor far in excess of the supply. Word was sent to Chicago and further East that men willing and able to do hard work were needed, and that liberal wages would be paid. This news and the general attractiveness of the new country brought many to Cedar Rapids whose coming added much to its potentialities at that time, and whose subsequent identification with the best interests of the growing town has had abiding and beneficial influence.

During the summer of 1856 the Chicago, Iowa & Nebraska Railroad Company was organized, and in everything having reference to this project the citizens of Cedar Rapids of that time had vital interest. The officers and board of directors of that corporation were named as follows: President, Charles Walker, Chicago; vice-president, James Purdy, Mansfield, Ohio; directors, L. B. Crocker, Orange, N. Y.; Thomas D. Davis, Syracuse, N. Y.; A. S. Mitchell, St. Louis, Mo.; H. A. Tucker, Chicago; John Weare, Jr., William Greene, H. G. Angle and Sampson C. Bever, Cedar Rapids; Charles A. Lambard, John C. Bucher, and Jonathan L. Pearce, Jr., Clinton; V. D. Bonesteel, Pough'cepsie, N. Y.; Isaac P. Hazard, Newport, R. I.; B. F. Carver, Chicago; D. A. Mitchell, New York; Austin Myers, Syracuse, N. Y.; Cyrus Clark, Buffalo, N. Y. It was three years from this time before the rails were laid over the intervening eighty-odd miles between the Mississippi River and Cedar Rapids. But in spite of all delays and discouragement, the faith of the people in ultimate success never wavered for a single day. Other projects attracted attention and even secured some support, but not until the line connecting with the East and its markets was completed, did the leaders of public opinion allow a diffusion of energies.



Y. M. C. A. Building — Standing on the site where first log cabin was erected in Cedar Rapids

On the evening of Tuesday, June 1, a meeting was held for determining the sentiment of the different sections of the city as to the boundaries to be named in the charter to be asked from the legislature. At this meeting it unexpectedly developed that certain interests were in favor of dividing the town into separate municipalities. It was proposed that one part should retain the name of Cedar Rapids, the other moiety to be known as Valley City. This proposition fortunately lacked weight of influence and was promptly repudiated by the people.

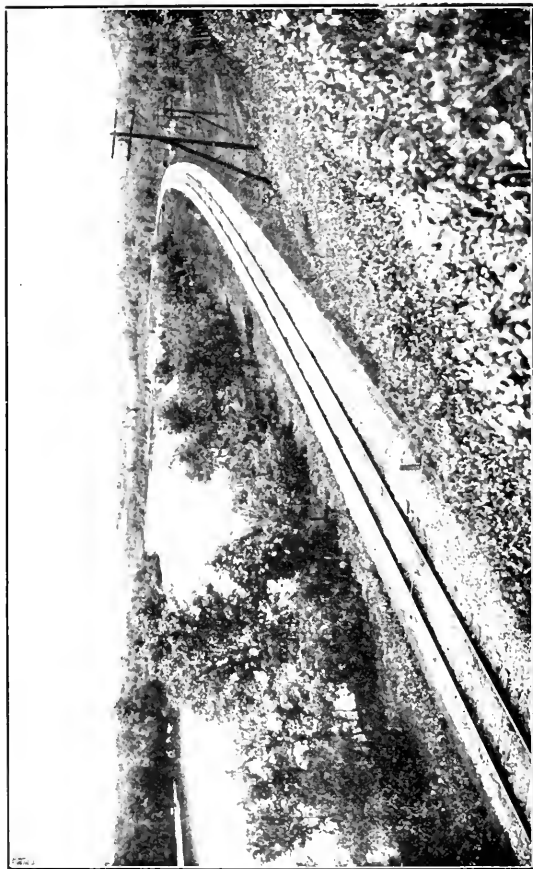
The question of free bridge *vs.* toll bridge was a live and weighty one during this year 1856. On the 25th day of January, 1855, a law was enacted in the Iowa legislature authorizing the construction, by voluntary contributions, over the Cedar River at this point. On the 5th of February following, H. G. Angle secured from the county judge a license to construct a toll bridge. An appeal was at once taken from the action of the Linn County judge in granting such license. This necessitated submission of the question to the people. In the meantime the following assignment was made:

"On the 24th day of June, A. D., 1856, comes in to court H. G. Angle and makes application to this court for an order authorizing him to transfer to George Greene, John Weare, Wm. Greene, P. W. Earl, A. F. Stedman, H. G. Higley, N. B. Brown, Lowell Daniels, Lawson Daniels, E. H. Dobbs, James J. Child, and Jesse P. Rogers, who are about to form themselves into a corporate company, under the name and style of the Cedar Rapids Bridge Company—the same power, rights and authorities as are granted to said Angle by license granted him by this court bearing date February 5, 1856.

"It is therefore ordered by the court that said Angle is authorized to make said transfer to said company, to be enjoyed and exercised by them," etc.

This license was granted for the term of twenty-five years, fixed an unalterable schedule of tolls for a period of ten years. It was likewise provided that within or after seven years the collected tolls should have paid all cost of construction and maintenance, and 20 per cent per annum on all money expended, the structure should pass at once to the ownership and control of the city and become a free bridge.

The articles of incorporation provided that any person who might within six months give in cash or proper security \$25 to the bridge company should be entitled to free perpetual pas-



View on Cedar River

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sage for himself and family. Several took advantage of this offer, and ten years after, when the company was recognized, secured by a court order respect for their rights.

The city officers of Cedar Rapids at the beginning of the year 1856 were: George Greene, mayor; R. C. Rock, Joseph A. Love and J. F. Charles, councilmen, and W. D. Watrous, recorder. In April, 1856, Isaac N. Whittam was elected mayor, B. Bryan, recorder; J. T. Walker, W. W. Smith and A. Hager, councilmen. This was the last election under the town charter. At first meeting of the council, held May 3, 1856, Mr. Bryan sent in his resignation as recorder and D. W. McIntosh was chosen for the place.

There was evidently a spurt to reform in city government. Mayor Whittam was instructed to make proclamation that on and after the 26th day of May "all ordinances heretofore passed will be strictly enforced, and all delinquent tax collected as provided by law." At the same time Stephen L. Pollock was notified that he must pay the amount due the city for ferry privileges. These privileges for 1856 were in the hands of Messrs. Bowling & Gillbread, and the license cost these gentlemen \$20.00 for the year.

The matter of conducting auction sales was important. At council meeting of May 10th, H. W. Perkins & Co. prayed for "exclusive privilege as public vendue masters" for and within the town of Cedar Rapids. This was placed on file and the recorder was instructed to prepare a "proper ordinance regulating sales at vendue within the corporation, and providing for the selection of vendue masters."

The city marshal in his zeal had gathered in several hogs and pigs running upon the streets and belonging to Isaac Milbourne. These he had sold for benefit of the city, and the owner presented a bill for their value. The action of the marshal was sustained, and the council refused to receive or entertain the same.

There has been for some years dispute as to authorship of the charter under which the city has operated since 1856. This it is now possible to settle positively and from the official record. At the meeting held June 14, 1856, "on motion of Alderman Walker, the recorder was instructed to employ J. J. Child, Esqre., to prepare an amended charter for the corporation, to be submitted to the next meeting of council."

At that next meeting held June 28th, "James J. Child pre-



Scene Looking North on Third Street

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sented for the consideration of the council a charter for the 'City of Cedar Rapids,' which was on motion accepted. On motion it was resolved that William M. Wood be employed to copy the same. On motion D. M. McIntosh was instructed to take the said charter as soon as copied and procure the passage of the same by the legislature of the State of Iowa, at its special session in July, A. D., 1856."

Then again on July 22nd, there is this entry: "The charter of the city of Cedar Rapids, as passed by the legislature, was presented and accepted. On motion an election was called, to be held at Carpenter's Hall in Cedar Rapids on July 28th, A. D., 1856, for the adoption or rejection of said charter."

Such election was held on the date named and the vote was canvassed by the council June 29th. On the question of adopting or rejecting the charter "it appeared there were forty-seven votes polled, of which forty-five were 'for the amended charter, and two against the amended charter,' whereupon it was declared that the said charter was adopted.

"On motion it was resolved that an election be held at the office of James J. Child, in the city of Cedar Rapids, on the 7th day of August, A. D., 1856, (the polls for said election to be opened between the hours of eight and ten a. m., and to be closed at four o'clock p. m. of said day) for the election of corporation officers, as provided by the said charter."

The vote of this election was canvassed August 12th at last meeting held of the old town council. As a last act the bill of William M. Wood for copying the charter of the city of Cedar Rapids (\$3.00) was received, accepted and ordered paid. The election result is thus stated:

For mayor 204 votes were cast, of which Isaac N. Whittam received 120, and W. W. Smith 84.

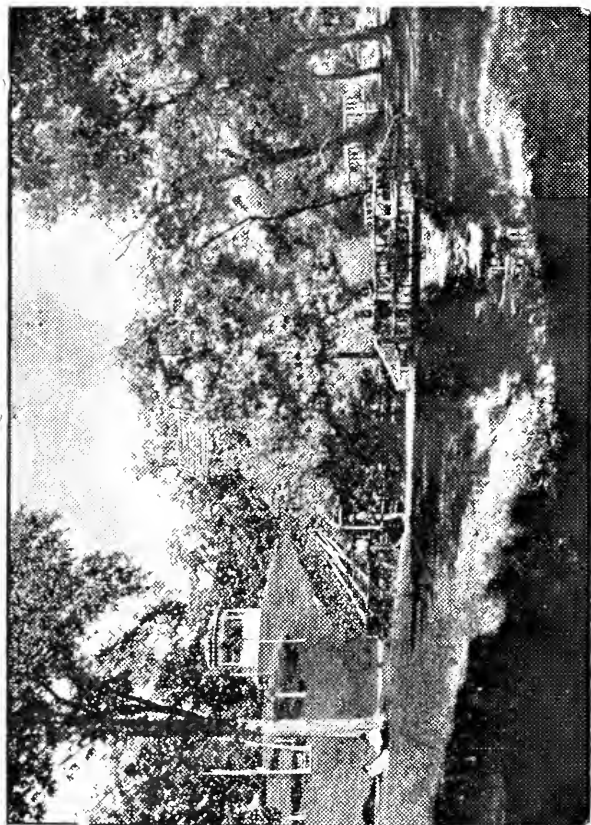
For recorder and assessor, D. M. McIntosh received 123 votes, F. P. Huntington 73, T. N. Bates 1, George Livensbarger 1, and S. C. Koontz 1.

For treasurer and collector, S. C. Koontz received 121, John P. Conkey 79, and F. P. Huntington 1.

For marshal Charles Weare received 131 votes, J. D. Hoppe 69, S. Lampson 1, and C. F. Spaethe 1.

For alderman first ward, J. T. Walker received 86 votes, H. G. Angle 46, J. J. Snouffer 46, Mike Bryan 1.

For alderman second ward, Alexander Hager received 69



Band Stand and Well House - Bever Park



votes, J. F. Charles 67, J. V. Hollenbaugh 1, and David Mike-sell 1.

For alderman third ward, Henry S. Ward received 41 votes, W. D. Watrous 21, and W. W. Smith 19.

These facts were certified to and the officers elected were notified to appear and qualify on Thursday evening, August 14, 1856, at the office of the recorder. The tie vote between J. J. Snouffer and H. G. Angle for alderman of the first ward was decided by the new council in favor of Mr. Snouffer. On the date last named the city government of Cedar Rapids under its present charter had its beginning.

A business directory for the year 1856 has been found, a mere leaflet which has survived the vicissitudes of fifty years. It gives the names of merchants and their places of business, as follows;

#### DRY GOODS STORES.

Shattuck & Dewey, Commercial street.  
L. Daniels & Co., Commercial street.  
C. E. Livingston, Carpenter's Block, Commercial street.  
Partridge & Cook, Commercial street.  
Leach & Wood, corner of Washington and Eagle streets.  
Elder & McClelland, corner Iowa avenue and Commercial street.

#### GROCERY STORES.

C. W. Stebbins, corner Front street and Iowa avenue, Kings-ton.  
A. C. Keyes, Carpenter's Block, Commercial street.  
Bever & Rowley, Commercial street.  
J. H. Atwell, Commercial street.

#### CLOTHING STORES.

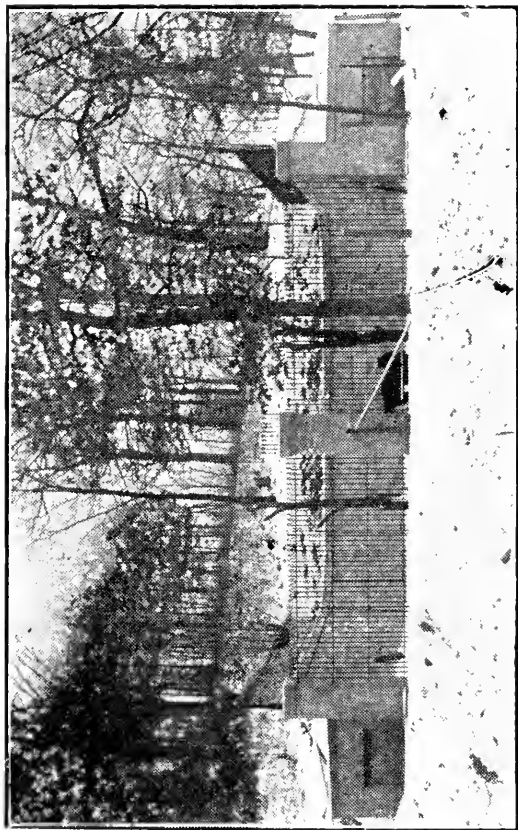
David Kahn, Commercial street.  
Bangs & Bixby, Commercial street.

#### HARDWARE STORES.

Rock & Camp, Commercial street.  
C. P. Spaethe, Commercial street.  
A. H. Brown & Co., Commercial street.

#### DRUG STORES.

J. P. Conkey, No. 3 Commercial Block.  
James L. Enos, No. 4, Iowa avenue.



Bear Pit—Bever Park

#### JEWELRY STORES.

J. T. Walker, Commercial street.

L. H. Keyes, Commercial street.

#### BOOK STORE.

James L. Enos, No. 4, Iowa avenue.

#### BANKING HOUSE.

Greene & Weare, Commercial street.

Wood, Bryan & Co., Commercial street.

W. A. Dodge Carr & Co., Commercial street.

#### LAND AND GENERAL AGENCY OFFICES.

Whittam & Belt, Commercial street.

Bates & Tousley, Commercial street.

Carpenter, Lehman & Co., Commercial street.

H. Mount & Co., Washington street.

#### FURNITURE WARE ROOMS.

John Boyce, Iowa avenue.

J. Alloway, Commercial street.

#### BUILDERS, JOINERS, ETC.

W. D. Watrous, designer and builder, Carpenter's block.

Smith & Williams, S on Madison, W on Washington street.

Elihu Robbins, residence Washington street.

Hyatt & Moore, shop on Commercial street.

#### BLACKSMITH SHOP AND PLOW FACTORY.

Stephen L. Pollock, Linn street.

#### LUMBER YARD.

Charles & Carroll, Commercial street.

#### CARRIAGE MANUFACTURERS.

Roswell Tibbetts, Benton street, West side.

J. M. Chambers, Linn street.

#### HOTELS.

Empire House, W. M. McMahon, corner Washington and Market streets.

Greene's Hotel, Coffman & Smith, Commercial street.

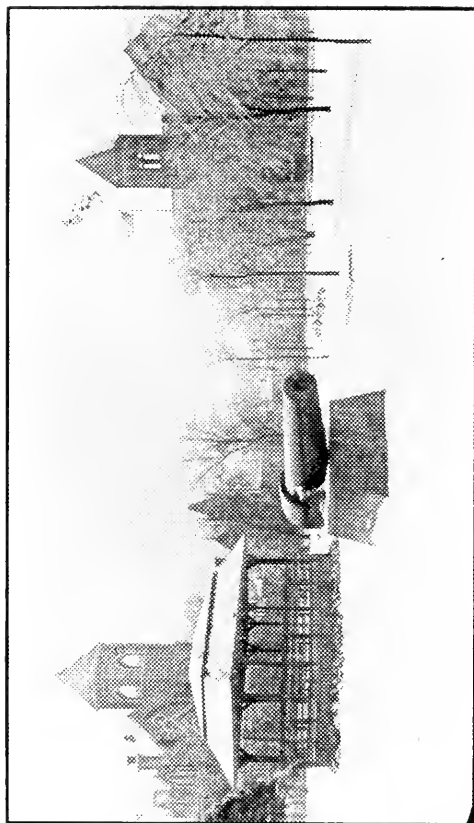
Rapids Hotel.

#### INSURANCE AGENTS.

S. C. Bever, Franklin and Marine.

E. N. Bates, Hartford Fire.

J. L. Enos, Iowa Insurance Co., Oskaloosa.



Winter Scene—Washington Square

#### BAKERY AND RESTAURANT.

Alexander Clinton, Commercial street.

Walter D. Thompson, No. 6 South Commercial street.

#### MILLINERY.

Mrs. E. A. Emery, Brown's Block, Kingston.

Miss Mary E. Stewart, Rapids Hotel.

#### PHYSICIANS.

S. C. Koontz, office Carpenter's Block.

J. H. Camburn, residence Washington street.

W. D. Barclay, residence Iowa avenue.

J. W. Edes, residence Washington street.

Smith & Larrabee, office Commercial street.

R. R. Taylor, office Carpenter's Block.

H. Mount, oculist, Washington street.

McCauley & Pulsifer, dentists, Commercial street.

#### ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS.

James J. Child, Commercial street.

Bater & Tousley, Commercial street.

Henry Lehman, Commercial street.

D. M. McIntosh, Commercial street.

#### NURSERIES.

Central Iowa Nursery, J. B. Gate, proprietor. On West side, near city. Was established 1853.

Mound Nursery, George Greene, proprietor. Two miles north of the city.

#### PLANING MILL.

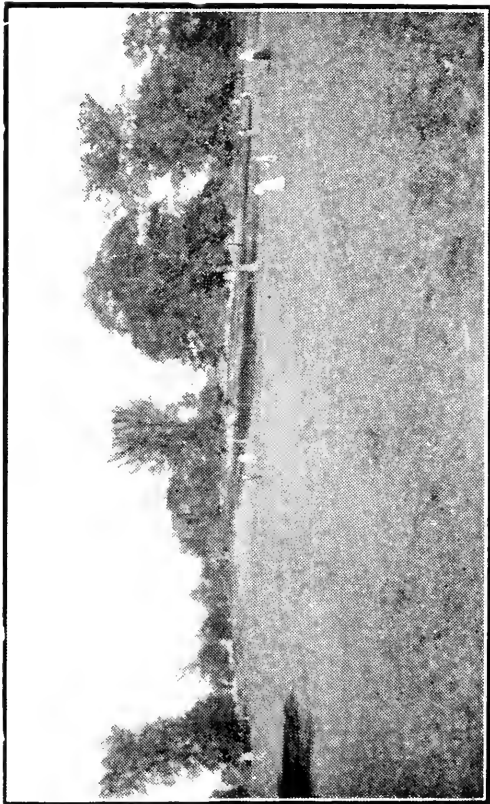
Alexander Hager. Shop 45x50 feet; two engines, one of 9 and the other of 24 horsepower. Capital invested in plant and machinery, \$10,000.

#### LUMBER MILLS.

Greene & Graves, located at upper end of city. Mill 40x50 feet, two stories high; engine house, 24x60 feet, one story high. Had capacity of 5,000 feet of lumber per day, with lath, shingles, etc., in proportion.

This establishment also included a machine shop 35x70 feet, three stories high; foundry of brick, 30x60 feet, and a brick blacksmith and plow shop 25x35 feet. Capital invested, \$25,000.

J. J. Snuffer—One saw, cutting 200,000 feet of lumber



Golf Links

during three months, ending June 30, 1856. A circular saw for plow beams, wagon felloes, etc.

#### SAW MILL AND CHAIR FACTORY.

Dobbs & Dewey.—Capacity, 10,000 feet of lumber a week. During year had turned out 8,000 chairs, 1,000 bedsteads and other articles. Fifteen hands employed. Capital, \$12,000.

#### CHURCHES.

Presbyterian (Old School)—Rev. R. H. Morrow, pastor. Worships in Daniels' Hall. Subscription of \$2,700 secured for a building, which with cite is expected to cost \$3,500. Membership 46.

Episcopal—Rev. S. Starr, rector. Church a fine structure and furnished in the neatest manner.

Methodist Episcopal—Destitute of pastor temporarily. More than one hundred members; largest congregation in city; more than 150 in attendance at Sabbath School.

Baptist—West Side—Rev. J. Woodward, pastor. Temporary edifice to be erected present season. Membership between thirty and forty.

Presbyterians (New School)—Rev. L. F. Dudley, pastor. Church building small; was first to be erected in the city. Affairs in a flourishing condition.

Presbyterians (Seceders)—Rev. H. Sturgeon, pastor. Church edifice just erected and pews sold.

#### SECRET SOCIETIES.

Cedar Rapids Lodge No. 25, A. F. & A. M. (organized 1850), Hiram Deem, W. M.; Isaac N. Whittam, secretary. Meets first Monday after new moon.

Hope Lodge No. 201, I. O. O. F., organized 1851. Hiram Deem, N. G.; Joseph G. Davenport, secretary. Meets every Tuesday evening.

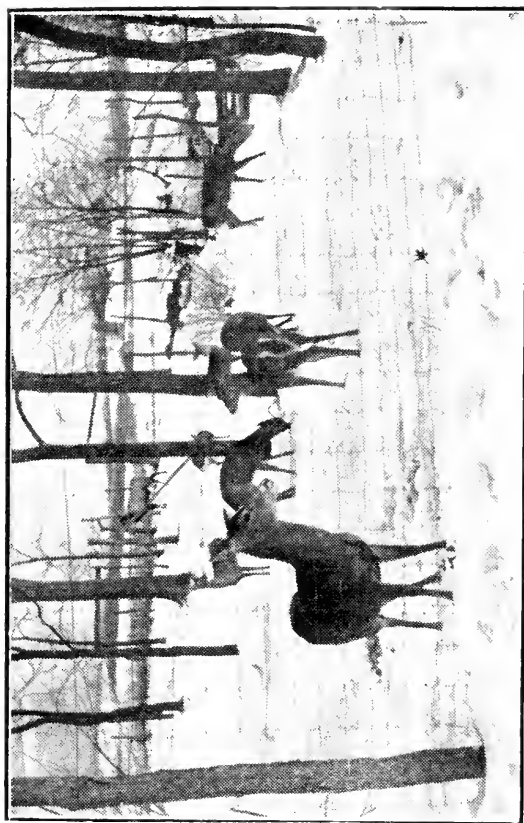
#### SELECT SCHOOLS.

Misses Farnham—In rooms under the Episcopal church.

Miss H. Latshaw—On Washington street.

#### BUILDINGS ERECTED IN YEAR.

William Stewart, brick store, one story; R. C. Rock, brick store, three stories; J. F. Ely, two brick stores, three stories; A. Hager, machine shop, brick, three stories; Gabriel Carpenter, three stores, brick, four stories; S. C. Bever, store, brick, three



Scene in Bever Park



stories; H. G. Angle, store, brick front, two stories; Bates & Tousley, banking house, brick, three stories; Shattuck & Dewey, two stores, three stories; P. W. Earl, store, three stories above basement; S. L. Pollock, addition to plow factory; Greene & Graves, stone machine shop, three stories; Greene & Graves, blacksmith shop, and foundry; public school building, brick, three stories.

Brick Dwellings—F. A. Lee, William Greene, James Bates, B. E. Baker, W. & S. Johnson, Elihu Robbins (two), M. Ohler, Ezra Havens, H. G. Angle, Watrous & Gillett, A. Whitensack.

Frame Dwellings—H. Reifenthall, W. W. Smith, John Graves, Lowell Daniels, G. W. Westlake, H. L. Bryan, A. J. Reed, P. W. Reeder, W. Harvey, Henry Ward, S. A. Shattuck, D. S. Bryan, G. Dewey, Rev. Samuel Starr, Freeman Smith, — Jordan, J. Crabil, Mary Lucore, Mr. McDougal, Mary Clark, Mr. Coon, Mr. Seabury.

As yet, however, the improvements were confined to but a small portion of the present city. Iowa (First) avenue had been used as a sand bank, at the convenience of builders, and being left in ridges and hollows was impassable to teams. Lot owners on Eagle street (Second avenue) were urged to cut out the underbrush in the street so that wagons might pass, and thus that section of the city became attractive for residences.

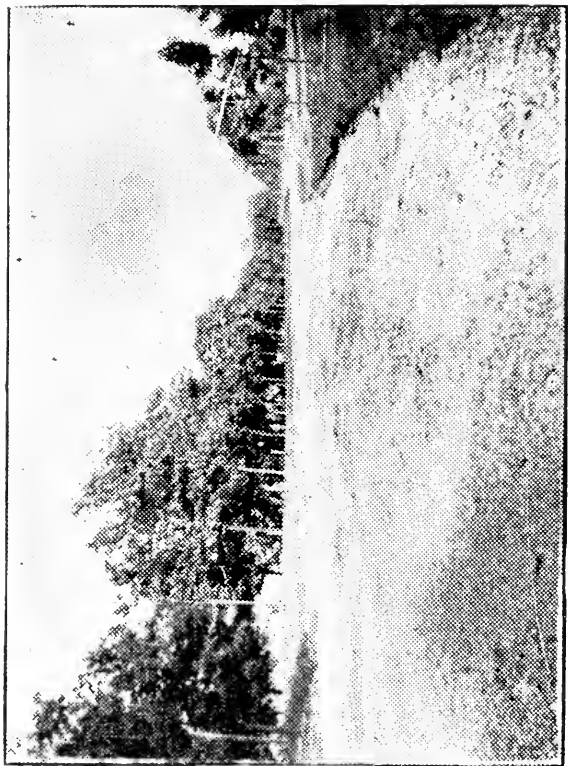
To promote morality, the city council passed an ordinance making it the duty of the city marshal to arrest all intoxicated persons, who were to be fined ten dollars or less, at discretion of the mayor.

The city was divided into two school districts, in which were 768 persons between the ages of 5 and 21 years. The total of population was 2,575.

In closing this review of the year 1856 it is possible to give statistics of the county which are directly of interest.

#### GENERAL FIGURES.

|                           |      |                           |       |
|---------------------------|------|---------------------------|-------|
| No. of dwelling houses... | 2518 | Aliens .....              | 215   |
| No. of families.....      | 2612 | Militia.....              | 2795  |
| No. of males.....         | 7911 | Deaf and dumb.....        |       |
| No. of females.....       | 6791 | Blind.....                | 1     |
| Colored.....              | 6    | Insane.....               | 1     |
| Married.....              | 5110 | Idiotic.....              | 14    |
| Widowed.....              | 307  | Owners of land.....       | 1824  |
| Native voters.....        | 2946 | Paupers.....              | 3     |
| Naturalized voters.....   | 236  | Total pop. of county..... | 14792 |



Entrance to Ellis Park

# AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS.

|                               |         |                         |           |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Acres of land improved        | 66,132  | Bushels harvested.....  | 212,573   |
| Acres of land unimproved..... | 155,991 | Acres winter wheat..... | 249       |
| Acres of meadow.....          | 3,871   | Bushels harvested.....  | 1,532     |
| Tons of hay.....              | 8,551   | Acres oats.....         | 5,854     |
| Bushels of grass seed....     | 306     | Bushels harvested.....  | 180,674   |
| Acres spring wheat.....       | 14,739  | Acres corn.....         | 24,251    |
|                               |         | Bushels harvested..     | 1,025,375 |

## LIVE STOCK FIGURES.

|                        |           |                         |           |
|------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Number hogs sold.....  | 16,905    | Number of cattle sold.. | 3,284     |
| Value of hogs sold.... | \$127,942 | Value of cattle sold..  | \$ 79,273 |

## FARM PRODUCTS.

|                         |         |                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|
| Pounds butter made ..   | 153,646 | Value of domestic manu- |         |
| Pounds of wool sold...  | 14,143  | factures .....          | \$7,269 |
| Pounds of cheese sold.. | 25,506  | Value of general mfrs   | 212,795 |

## NATIVITY OF POPULATION.

|                     |       |                           |     |
|---------------------|-------|---------------------------|-----|
| Ohio.....           | 3,758 | England .....             | 166 |
| Indiana .....       | 1,320 | Ireland .....             | 204 |
| Pennsylvania.....   | 1,914 | Wales .....               | 4   |
| Iowa.....           | 2,770 | Scotland.....             | 72  |
| New York.....       | 1,209 | Germany.....              | 278 |
| Maine .....         | 111   | France.....               | 11  |
| New Hampshire.....  | 83    | Austria .....             | 36  |
| Vermont.....        | 189   | Russia.....               | 0   |
| Massachusetts ..... | 188   | Prussia .....             | 5   |
| Connecticut .....   | 124   | Norway .....              | 16  |
| Rhode Island.....   | 7     | Sweden.....               | 2   |
| Virginia.....       | 436   | Holland.....              | 2   |
| Kentucky.....       | 242   | On the Ocean.....         | 1   |
| Illinois.....       | 453   | Canada .....              | 161 |
| Michigan .....      | 87    | New Brunswick.....        | 11  |
| Alabama.....        | 1     | Switzerland .....         | 6   |
| Louisiana .....     | 2     | Denmark.....              | 1   |
| Mississippi .....   | 4     | West Indies .....         | 2   |
| North Carolina..... | 59    | Bohemia.....              | 139 |
| South Carolina..... | 23    | Nova Scotia.....          | 52  |
| Tennessee.....      | 55    | Prince Edward Island ..   | 8   |
| Missouri .....      | 40    | District of Columbia .... | 4   |
| Georgia.....        | 2     | Poland.....               | 1   |
| Maryland .....      | 208   | Moravia.....              | 6   |
| New Jersey.....     | 178   | Hungary.....              | 5   |
| Wisconsin.....      | 51    | Unknown .....             | 1   |
| Delaware .....      | 10    |                           |     |

We may catch something of the thought and sentiment which stirred the people half a century ago, and thus appreciate and understand their daily lives. First and foremost, there was insistence upon all that the future held for Cedar Rapids. The belief in great things to be inspired all labor, entered into all calculations. This city represents no haphazard, accidental growth. It was planned for from the beginning, and became an article of faith for men in control of affairs through all the changing years. There was sharp struggle, long continued, before the community was sure that its efforts would secure predominance over near-by rivals. While others were satisfied with words and promises, the men responsible for the life of Cedar Rapids were insistent upon deeds and materialization of projects. To gain the ends desired their time and means were spent, and personal and community credit pledged. All then accumulated, and all that the future might hold, was staked upon the business judgment and hard work of the makers of the town. And this in no gamester's spirit, but because a business prescience pointed out the course of coming years. All through this time of a half century ago we can still detect a constant mild enthusiasm among the people, an eager waiting for whatever might be announced as of present or future benefit, magnificent courage in the face of great difficulties and discouragement and an implicit trust in the business capacity and integrity of those who were the natural leaders in thought and action.

There were stirring events in the nation, too, for this year of 1856—events to rouse strong feeling and to prepare men's minds for troublous times. Only five years in the future held for final solution by the manhood of America the problem of government which had gathered force toward the issue since the very beginning of the republic. Already the sky was overcast and intelligent observers forecasted the fury of the storm. Already men were hardening their hearts against the day of battle. Beyond all lies and specious arguments of politicians, all plans of trimmers and temporizers we may best discern, in just such simple communities as our own, the steady settling of the north and west to determination that government was intended to be by and of and for the people. The question of slavery was incidental to this larger issue. Yet by both sides to the controversy this incidental phase was accepted as the test of conviction.

In 1856 the preliminary skirmish of the greater battle was

fought out in Kansas. Eagerly the people of our little town waited for news. It was realized that extremists of both sides were responsible for the collision, and that between the upper and nether millstones of fanaticism and sectional hatred, men of moderate opinion were being ground to dust. It was the first movement of a flood which would sweep away all petty barriers of compromise and time-serving. But the first news of excesses and outrages in Kansas found the entire people of Cedar Rapids sympathizing with the sufferers. As the news came in there was at the beginning no thought of politics involved—only a great sympathy for the sufferers. And so we find all the people of Cedar Rapids attending mass meetings and giving freely of their means for those who were victims in the new territory where a slave-holding aristocracy strove with free labor for the possession of the virgin soil. But within a few weeks we see that politics and policy had crept into our community to destroy this charitable unanimity. Specious arguments were heard from those who withdrew sympathy and support from the suffering, lest it should affect party fortunes. The great majority of the people of Cedar Rapids stood then as they stood five years afterwards, for what the decision of battle and the verdict of the generation has since declared was right. But a few there were—honest and sincere, doubtless, in their convictions—who held with the south. It should be remembered that in the settlement of our city and its vicinity a strong and important element was from the south. That element brought a rich strain of blood, and means and intelligence into the raw community. And with this element the force of tradition and pride of race and early education held to accepted ideas of their section. One good result we may discern—these preliminary local debates fitted men to decide when the time for decision came, with full knowledge of all that might be said on every side of the question.

If now the reader has followed with some care this haphazard sketch, he may understand something of thought and action in Cedar Rapids fifty years ago. And understanding, he will give credit due at this time of ingathering to those who laboriously prepared the soil and planted the seed and tended the first showings of growth in that day of small things.

## A BROAD RETROSPECT

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Very much material has been gathered for this work which would really have given to this pamphlet the size and dignity of a volume. The writer was under the impression that more space could be allowed but at the last moment is forced to cut his material to the exigencies, to the time allowed, and the demands of the printer. So far we have briefly stated the beginnings of things in Cedar Rapids, and have given a pen picture of the city as it existed in 1856. It is only possible now to take up the growth and progress and indicate here and there where the greatest advancement has been made. All these years have been filled with activities, and sometimes they present serious and very important events. Hardly had the town grown beyond its village stage when its people were called upon to consider and take part in the tragic drama of the Civil War. Many, now living, remember that period and can appreciate what was meant by the great questions of the day. We, who are younger, must study deeply before we can grasp the full significance of the events. The Sphinx of History spoke then to the manhood of America and demanded that the riddle of existence and national life be newly solved; with destruction of all that was dear as the bitter alternative. Nor was there doubt or delay in that answer. The stalwart pioneers of the north and west joined with their brothers of the east to decide that desperate struggle and the justness of their cause. These years of bitterness and strife brought affairs in the village almost to a halt. It was not possible at that time with the limited population to supply the drains of warfare and pursue peaceful avocations. The business of this town, like many others, was held in suspense until the God of War had spoke his final word. But with the return of peace there came a period of unprecedented growth which put the town in a position to achieve prominence, not only in this county but in this section of the state, a position which has never been imperiled since that time. In the former chapter mention was made of the beginning of the Public School System. It was not until 1859 that a graded school had existence in Cedar Rapids, and not until 1861 that this system assumed definite form. In the latter year the Washington School building, predecessor

of the present High School, was completed. In the early fifties Rev. Williston Jones, at that time pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, took into his family a number of young men with the idea of giving them an education superior to that which could be obtained in the public schools. Development followed, and the Cedar Rapids Collegiate Institute was the result. This was first taught by Mr. David Blakely. In that institute was the germ which later developed into the splendid growth of Coe College. The town also had given of its means and had sent some of its most brilliant young people to the two other colleges of Linn; that of Western and Cornell, at Mt. Vernon.

As also indicated elsewhere, the religiously minded pioneers had early gathered together and formed tentative congregations. The first class was organized in 1841 by the Methodists and in 1843 the adherents of that denomination were converted into a definite society. This was the first church established in the city. The Presbyterians followed; their day of organization being July 9, 1847. At which time nine persons covenanted to walk together in gospel ordinances. The first pastor of this church, having permanent location here, was Rev. Williston Jones, who came in 1849. Grace Episcopal church had its date of organization in 1850, at which time Rev. James Keeler gathered together the worshipers of that phase of the faith. The cornerstone of this house of worship was laid with becoming ceremony by Bishop Kemper in 1851. In the last-named year (April 19) the United Presbyterian was organized by Rev. John D. Cunningham, with eleven members. The Second Presbyterian Church, then known as the "old school", dates from May 27, 1855, when, by authority of the Presbytery of Cedar, Rev. Joshua Phelps organized a congregation with some twenty members. The Baptist denomination had its first congregation in 1856, in the town of Kingston, now west Cedar Rapids. The east side church beginning with a membership of twenty-eight, was organized on the 3d of June, 1860. The first service of the Lutherans was held on the fourteenth day of September, 1856, at which time services in German and English were conducted by Rev. S. Ritz, of Tipton. Usually the adherents of the Catholic faith are among the first to organize themselves in a new community, but in this case the church only dates back to 1857. In that year mass was first celebrated in the house of Alex. Hager, but having made a beginning, the church very rapidly gained ground

in the community. In the following year a congregation was organized, ground leased and a building erected. Two years later, in 1860, this ground was purchased, and an addition was made to the building. All other denominations are of later date, but have proven in quality equal to their predecessors, and have had their share in the moral development of the city.

The first fraternity to find lodgment here was the Masonic. In November, 1850, Cedar Rapids Lodge No. 25 (now Crescent) was organized under dispensation by Grand Master McCord; George Greene being named as the first Master. Within a month from that time Hope Lodge I. O. O. F. followed. These offshoots of the two greatest organizations among men, were for many years the only representatives of fraternalism in the town. The Masonic Lodge has had a continuous existence, and has now developed to be one of the strongest in the state. That of the Odd Fellows, depleted by the patriotism of its members during the years of war, consolidated with a new body and its old identity was lost in the present Cedar Rapids Lodge (No. 141). Within recent years Cedar Rapids has become known as a fraternal town. Very few organizations have existence but are represented here, and generally with strong organizations. It makes a splendid showing for any community when its citizens are banded together for the purpose of mutual assistance and relief. Higher ideals are insensibly taught, and find a place even outside the lodge rooms, and in the life of the community at large. Together with the churches and schools these fraternities were influential for good citizenship and the betterment of men.

It will not be in place here to review the business interests of the town, as these are indicated in other ways. There follows a synopsis of present conditions, prepared by Mr. B. L. Wick, which, in comparison with that of 1856, really tells the full story of growth.

We must not forget that an element of very great worth and virility has been added to the town and to the quality of its people by foreign immigration. Even in the early fifties the first of the Bohemian population began to make an appearance in and about the village. These men and women, driven from their native habitat by oppression, and strengthened by the desire to find a place where they might indulge in freer ideas and ideals, came to the West with latent power which has been of immense value to our community. They have had the faculty



of rapidly adapting themselves to new environment; of grasping the best there is in our thought and manner of living, while yet preserving their own vigorous vitality. They have borne their share in peace and in war, and the present prosperity of Cedar Rapids owes considerable to their capacity for thought and labor.

Although the Germans have not been as important a factor in the building of the town as the Bohemians, it has been on account of their smaller numbers. Yet they have taken a conspicuous part in the financial and social affairs of the city. Cann and Freund were in the clothing business here more than fifty years ago. One, Jos. Schneider, built the first brewery in 1856, and others all through the years have been representative of Teutonic perseverance and shrewdness. They, like the Bohemians, have preserved the best there is in their nationality by means of churches, schools, fraternities and special social organizations. A most desirable element, also, has been supplied by the Scandinavian race. These, though few in number, have been of sufficient importance to impress themselves indelibly upon the life and institutions of the city.

If it were possible to take up and present in necessary detail all the public institutions which have served the life and interests of the community, to follow them through the days of growth into their present strength, it would make a story of engrossing interest. All this and more awaits the historian of the future. To him will be committed the agreeable task of following out, in every line, the growth of the city, and to estimate the value of men's lives and the parts they played in building the town. It is to be hoped that this sketch, rapid and imperfect as it may be, will develop some love for the history of the town, and prompt others to search out that which is little known. The materials for local history have hardly yet been developed. This Semi-Centennial Celebration should bring out the ancient stores of our people and make it thus possible to produce a definitive volume, worthy of the town, worthy of the men whose lives were devoted to its upbuilding, and worthy, too, of the future which promises so abundantly in every direction.



# CEDAR RAPIDS AS A BUSINESS CENTER

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BY B. L. WICK.

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Cedar Rapids is easy to access, having the main line of the Chicago and Northwestern; and lines of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, and the Illinois Central, and two interurban electric lines in operation. The hotel facilities are the best in the state, while as a convention city it cannot be excelled, with hotel accommodation, with a spacious auditorium with a seating capacity of 5,000 people, with parks, river facilities for summer outings.

Cedar Rapids is an ideal city of 30,000 inhabitants, where nature has done much, and its wide-awake people the rest, to make it a city unexcelled as a city of homes, standing in the front rank as a commercial city as well.

## FINANCIAL.

Cedar Rapids is gradually becoming a financial center, is a reserve city for national banks, and has a well organized Clearing House. The city has three National and seven State and Savings, with an aggregate capital of \$1,400,000 upwards and deposits of \$12,000,000. The total clearings for the past year were over \$28,000,000, including only checks on the Clearing House Banks, which represents about one-third of the actual volume of business transacted. It will therefore be seen that the actual volume of business would be around \$84,000,000.00 per annum. Besides the banking interests, Cedar Rapids has large financial institutions in the Farmers' Insurance Co., Cedar Rapids Life Insurance Company, Order of Railway Conductors, Fraternal Bankers Reserve Society, the High Treasury of the Catholic Order of Foresters, etc. Cedar Rapids enjoys a further distinction in connection with its financial interests, that stands almost without an equal, in the fact that it has never had a bank failure.

#### PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Cedar Rapids has 36 churches, representing nearly all denominations, many of which are housed in fine modern buildings; a \$50,000 Y. M. C. A., two hospitals, St. Luke's and Mercy, with equipments costing nearly \$100,000 each. The Home for the Friendless, caring for homeless children, the Home for Aged Women; Sunshine Mission, a non-sectarian City Mission, carrying on the work of organized charity, all occupy their own modern buildings. The Federal Building, Post Office and Federal Court, is modern, and will soon be enlarged by a liberal appropriation from Congress of \$200,000. The post office receipts surpass those of 75 cities of the United States having a greater population. The Free Public Library, recently built at a cost of \$75,000, contains 14,000 volumes, and is a thoroughly up-to-date library in all its departments. Greene's Opera House, recently remodeled at a great expense, with a seating capacity of 1,600, furnishes the residents of Cedar Rapids and nearby towns the very best attractions on the road. Besides Greene's we have the People's Theater, being a modern vaudeville, the Chautauqua, and the Alamo Park, a summer resort.

#### WHOLESALE.

Cedar Rapids has justly earned the reputation of being the leading wholesale center of Iowa. Nearly every line is represented by one or more wholesale houses. The following figures will give an idea of the proportions to which the wholesale and jobbing business has grown in Cedar Rapids:

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| Gross amount of business done annually.....    | \$10,000,000 |
| Capital employed.....                          | 2,000,000    |
| Employees.....                                 | 625          |
| Paid in wages and salaries.....                | 5,000,000    |
| Gross tonnage of cars merchandise handled..... | 23,000       |

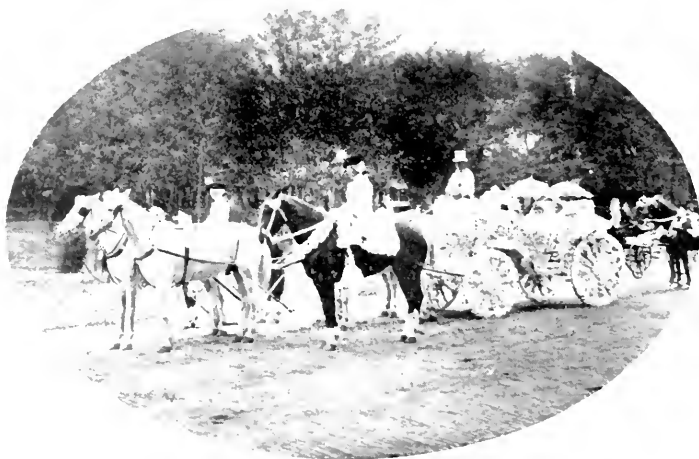
#### MANUFACTURING.

While ranking fifth in size among the cities of Iowa, Cedar Rapids ranks first in the value of manufactured products, with a total output of over \$16,000,000 worth during 1905. Seventy-five factories employ nearly 3,000 people, receiving close to \$2,000,000 in wages annually. Cedar Rapids has the largest cereal mills in the world; the finest independent starch works in the United States; the largest independent meat packing plant in the country; the largest and best wire fence

plant west of the Mississippi; a large candy factory, and control of the pump, windmill and iron pump trade of the West. Some of the other goods manufactured in Cedar Rapids: Bank, Store and Office Fixtures; Camp and Lawn Furniture; Cornice; Corsets; Egg Cases; Fence Posts (Concrete); Flour; Foundry and Machine Supplies, Furnaces, Furniture, Galvanized Iron, Gasoline Engines, Hardwood Specialties, Electrical Supplies, Manure Spreaders, Overalls, Plaster, Shirts, etc., Milk Weighers and Starter Cans, Oil Pumps, Photo Paper, Plumbers' Brass Goods, Roasted Coffee, Spices, Baking Powder, Sash, Doors and Blinds, Skirts, Steel Baskets and Tanks, Stoves, School Books, Umbrellas, Vinegar, Wagons and Carriages. The Pawnee Cereal Company will erect in 1906, a \$400,000 plant.

The following figures will give an idea of the building improvements in the city for the year of 1905:

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| Manufacturing.....                | \$1,005,157 |
| Commercial.....                   | 675,410     |
| Residence.....                    | 611,230     |
| Municipal.....                    | 178,418     |
| Miscellaneous (churches, etc.)... | 141,250     |
| Total.....                        | \$2,611,465 |



Scene During Carnival

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## CITY OFFICIALS FROM 1849 TO 1906

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The civic life of Cedar Rapids dates from January 15, 1849. Before that time it was mere township. The Legislature of Iowa, at its session of '49, having granted a town charter, a mass meeting of citizens was called for the day named. This was, so says the old record, "to elect one mayor, recorder and three councilmen, for the incorporation of Cedar Rapids." William P. Harmon was called to the chair. Arvin Kennedy, John H. Brooks and John G. Cole were appointed judges of the election, and were duly qualified by Homer Kennedy, town clerk. Eber L. Mansfield was chosen clerk of the election, and qualified by Arvin Kennedy, "whereupon the judges organized the election and proceeded to receive votes."

The figures of the votes were not given, but the judges' certificate declared Martin L. Barber elected mayor, Homer Kennedy, recorder, and Stephen L. Pollock, Joseph Greene and James Leverich, councilmen.

This is given thus in detail as being the first corporate act of the village, and from that first meeting has grown all of subsequent civic life.

Again an election was held at the school house April 30, 1850, and for that time it is possible to give the figures. For mayor, Martin L. Barber received 39 votes and Johnson Hill 27; for recorder John Palmer had 63 and Lawson Daniels 1; for councilmen Stephen L. Pollock was given 39, Joseph Greene 36 and Charles C. Cook 50; George H. Ely had 24, Thomas Downing 41, Isaac Cook 1 and W. P. Harmon 1. The councilmen elected therefore were S. L. Pollock, C. C. Cook and Thomas Downing.

April 8, 1851, the votes were again canvassed by the council. Nicholas B. Brown was elected mayor, S. C. Koontz recorder, and Benjamin Weiser, Michael Bryan and Joseph Love councilmen.

For the year 1852 there was no election, there evidently being no interest in affairs of the town, and the old officials held over.

The next election occurred April 6, 1853, at which time W. W. Smith was chosen for mayor, S. C. Koontz recorder, and S. C. Bever, Johnson Hill and J. F. Ely for the council.

On April 3, 1854, W. W. Smith was re-elected mayor, William M. Wood elected recorder, and William Greene, Absalom Sines and Daniel Lothian for the council.

Between that time and the election held April 4, 1855, the records of council only fill two brief pages. On latter date George Greene was elected mayor, W. D. Watrous recorder; R. C. Rock, Joseph A. Love and J. F. Charles for council.

The date for April, 1856, on which election occurred is not

given. But at the time Isaac N. Whittam was elected mayor, B. S. Bryan was chosen recorder but declined to serve, and D. M. McIntosh was appointed to fill that office. T. J. Walker, Alexander Hager and W. W. Smith were the councilmen elected.

This was the last election under the old town charter. The new act was passed in June, 1856, and on Tuesday, August 12, 1856, a new election was held. The officials through the years since have been as follows:

1856. Isaac N. Whittam, mayor; D. M. McIntosh, recorder; Charles Weare, marshal; S. C. Koontz, treasurer; J. J. Child, city attorney. Aldermen, J. T. Walker, J. J. Snouffer, J. F. Charles, A. Hager, H. S. Ward, W. D. Watrous.

1857. Isaac N. Whittam, mayor; F. P. Huntington, recorder; S. C. Lampson, marshal; S. C. Koontz, treasurer; E. N. Bates, city attorney. Aldermen, J. J. Snouffer, John G. Graves, S. D. Carpenter, J. J. Child, Wm. Richmond, A. Whitenack.

1858. R. C. Rock, mayor; George Seymour, recorder; C. T. Kellogg, marshal; S. C. Koontz, treasurer; A. S. Belt, city attorney. Aldermen, J. J. Snouffer, John G. Graves, D. N. Sprague, R. R. Taylor, Wm. Richmond, S. A. Shattuck.

1859. D. N. Sprague, mayor; George Seymour, recorder, Wm. McMahon, marshal; S. C. Koontz, treasurer; E. N. Bates, city attorney. Aldermen, John G. Graves, T. Z. Cook, D. M. McIntosh, Charles Weare, S. A. Shattuck, G. Livensbarger.

1860. E. H. Stedman, mayor; George Seymour, recorder; Benjamin Darnell, marshal; J. S. Wattles, treasurer; I. N. Whittam, city attorney. Aldermen, T. Z. Cook, A. Hager, W. B. Mack, R. P. Kingman, G. Livensbarger, J. P. Coulter.

1861. Homer Bishop, mayor; M. A. Higley, recorder; Benjamin Darnell, marshal; J. S. Wattles, treasurer; I. N. Whittam, city attorney. Aldermen, S. C. Bever, H. E. Higley, R. P. Kingman, I. W. Carroll, J. C. Adams, George Dewey.

1862. T. Z. Cook, mayor; S. C. Koontz, recorder; J. Hogen-dobler, marshal; J. S. Wattles, treasurer; A. S. Belt, city attorney. Aldermen, S. C. Bever, H. E. Higley, I. W. Carroll, H. B. Stibbs, George Dewey, S. G. McClelland.

1863. Mowry Farnum, mayor; George C. Haman, recorder; A. Laurance, marshal; Benjamin Harrison, treasurer; no city attorney elected. Aldermen, S. C. Bever, D. Denlinger, H. B. Stibbs, I. W. Carroll, S. G. McClelland, Thomas Slonaker.

1864. Mowry Farnum, mayor; George C. Haman, recorder; A. Laurance, marshal; Benjamin Harrison, treasurer; I. N. Whittam, city attorney. Aldermen, S. C. Bever, E. H. Stedman, D. Denlinger, Jos. Hollan, S. G. McClelland, Thos. Slonaker.

1865. H. Church, mayor; George C. Haman, recorder; T. M. Parsons, marshal; Benjamin Harrison, treasurer; J. J. Child, city attorney. Aldermen, S. C. Bever, E. E. Leach, D. Denlinger, Chas. Weare, G. Livensbarger, J. C. Adams.

1866. A. R. West, mayor; George C. Haman, recorder; J. O.

Stewart, marshal; Benjamin Harrison, treasurer; J. J. Child, city attorney; Aldermen, J. J. Snouffer, J. Wetzel, H. B. Stibbs, N. S. Mershon, J. C. Adams, J. H. Hart.

1867. A. R. West, mayor; D. A. Bradley, recorder; A. Laurance, marshal; Benjamin Harrison, treasurer; I. N. Whittam, city attorney. Aldermen, J. J. Snouffer, J. Wetzel, H. B. Stibbs, E. Robbins, J. A. Hart, L. Wallace.

1868. J. P. Coulter, mayor; D. A. Bradley, recorder; A. Laurance, marshal; Benjamin Harrison, treasurer; I. N. Whittam, city attorney. Aldermen, J. Wetzel, A. C. Churchill, E. Robbins, E. E. Leach, Wm. Stewart, James Albright.

1869. A. R. West, mayor; George C. Haman, recorder; A. Laurance, marshal; Benjamin Harrison, treasurer; I. N. Whittam, city attorney; P. C. Lusk, chief engineer. Aldermen, A. C. Churchill, E. S. Hill, E. E. Leach, D. Denlinger, Wm. Stewart, J. F. Charles.

1870. Wm. B. Leach, mayor; W. B. Stewart, recorder; A. Laurance, marshal; Benjamin Harrison, treasurer; M. P. Mills, city attorney; George A. Lincoln, chief engineer. Aldermen, E. S. Hill, J. J. Snouffer, E. E. Leach, E. Robbins, Wm. Stewart, Elihu Baker.

1871. T. Z. Cook, mayor; H. J. Harvey, police judge; Benjamin Harrison, treasurer; Hiel Hale, chief engineer; J. C. Stoddard, recorder; A. Laurance, marshal; R. H. Gilmore, city attorney. Aldermen, J. J. Snouffer, I. H. Shaver, E. E. Leach, C. C. Cook, Wm. Stewart, J. L. Bever, James Bell.

1872. E. S. Hill, mayor; A. St. Clair Smith, police judge; Benjamin Harrison, treasurer; George L. Stearns, chief engineer; J. C. Stoddard, recorder; Hiel Hale, marshal; I. N. Whittam, city attorney. Aldermen, J. L. Bever, C. H. Clark, I. H. Shaver, C. C. Cook, W. Stewart, George Dale, G. M. Howlett, E. E. Leach.

1873. J. F. Charles, mayor; A. St. Clair Smith, police judge; Benjamin Harrison, treasurer; Geo. L. Stearns, chief engineer; J. C. Stoddard, recorder; Hiel Hale, marshal; West & Eastman, city attorneys. Aldermen, J. L. Bever, C. C. Cook, C. H. Clark, George Dale, Henry Forsythe, S. T. Wier, G. M. Howlett, W. S. Bradley.

1874. A. B. Hull, mayor; H. J. Harvey, police judge; Benjamin Harrison, treasurer; E. S. Hill, chief engineer; J. C. Stoddard, recorder; Hiel Hale, marshal; A. D. Collier, city attorney. Aldermen, F. J. Upton, C. C. Cook, C. H. Clark, W. S. Bradley, M. P. Mills, J. H. Smith, E. L. Mansfield, C. H. Clark, Geo. A. Lincoln, S. T. Wier.

1875. J. H. Smith, mayor; I. N. Whittam, police judge; Benjamin Harrison, treasurer; Hiel Hale, chief engineer; A. G. Plum, recorder; Hiel Hale, marshal; F. C. Hormel, city attorney. Aldermen, R. Cornish, A. T. Averill, U. C. Blake, G. A. Lincoln, M. P. Mills, W. S. Bradley, S. T. Wier, C. H. Clark, F. J. Upton, E. L. Mansfield.

1876. J. H. Smith, mayor; I. N. Whittam, police judge; Benjamin Harrison, treasurer; Geo. A. Lincoln, chief engineer;

A. G. Plumb, recorder; Hiel Hale, marshal; F. C. Hormel, city attorney. Aldermen, J. J. Snouffer, U. C. Blake, E. K. Larimer, W. S. Bradley, A. Mann, O. C. L. Jones, S. T. Wier, M. P. Mills, R. Cornish, D. H. Richards.

1877. W. S. Bradley, mayor; W. B. Leach, superior judge; Benjamin Harrison, treasurer; C. W. Eaton, chief engineer; A. G. Plumb, recorder; Hiel Hale, marshal; F. C. Hormel, city attorney. Aldermen, C. Magnus, E. K. Larimer, A. R. Foote, U. C. Blake, O. C. L. Jones, D. H. Richards, J. J. Snouffer, D. T. Brown, A. Mann, Frank Witousek, D. B. Ramsdell, Samuel Miller.

1878. J. T. Hamilton, mayor; W. B. Leach, superior judge; A. G. Plumb, treasurer; C. W. Eaton, chief engineer; George A. Lincoln, recorder; H. C. Morehead, marshal; I. N. Whittam, city attorney. Aldermen, J. J. Snouffer, C. Magnus, D. T. Brown, W. W. Smith, U. C. Blake, A. R. Foote, O. C. L. Jones, H. G. Bowman, E. R. Earl, Frank Witousek, James Morton, E. L. Mansfield.

1879. O. N. Hull, mayor; W. B. Leach, superior judge; A. G. Plumb, treasurer; C. W. Eaton, chief engineer; J. C. Stoddard, recorder; Spencer Jackson, marshal; I. N. Whittam, city attorney. Aldermen, John Meehan, W. W. Smith, E. R. Earl, John Gates, John Dale, Jas. Morton, A. Van Vleck, L. E. Jenkins, H. G. Bowman, J. J. Snouffer, O. C. L. Jones, E. L. Mansfield.

1880. J. H. Smith, mayor; W. B. Leach, superior judge; A. G. Plumb, treasurer; C. W. Eaton, chief engineer; J. C. Stoddard, recorder; Spencer Jackson, marshal; C. J. Deacon, city attorney. Aldermen, J. J. Snouffer, John Gates, John Dale, P. Mullaly, A. Van Vleck, L. E. Jenkins, Wm. Stewart, Jas. Morton, E. R. Earl, John Meehan, E. L. Mansfield, W. A. Fulkerson.

1881. J. H. Smith, mayor; W. B. Leach, superior judge; A. G. Plumb, treasurer; C. W. Eaton, chief engineer; J. C. Stoddard, recorder; Spencer Jackson, marshal; C. J. Deacon, city attorney. Aldermen, John Meehan, Wm. Stewart, E. R. Earl, John Gates, J. M. Searles, E. L. Mansfield, J. R. Morin, M. P. Mills, Jas. Morton, J. J. Snouffer, A. St. Clair Smith, W. A. Fulkerson.

1882. Charles A. Clark, mayor; W. B. Leach, superior judge; A. G. Plumb, treasurer; G. H. Murphy, chief engineer; J. C. Stoddard, recorder; Spencer Jackson, marshal; J. J. Powell, city attorney. Aldermen, J. J. Snouffer, John Gates, J. M. Searles, P. Martel, J. R. Morin, M. P. Mills, A. Van Vleck, T. M. Giberson, E. R. Earl, John Meehan, C. D. Van Vechten, W. A. Fulkerson.

1883. John W. Henderson, mayor; W. B. Leach, superior judge; A. G. Plumb, treasurer; L. M. Ayers, chief engineer; J. C. Stoddard, recorder; P. H. Francis, marshal; J. J. Powell, city attorney. Aldermen, John Meehan, P. Martel, M. P. Mills, John Gates, A. Van Vleck, James Fair, Frank Kouba,



J. M. Searles, T. M. Giberson, J. J. Snouffer, C. D. Van Vechten, W. A. Fulkerson.

1884. C. W. Eaton, mayor; W. B. Leach, superior judge; J. C. Stoddard, treasurer; L. M. Ayers, chief engineer; John D. Blain, recorder; P. H. Francis, marshal; I. N. Whittam, city attorney. Aldermen, J. J. Snouffer, John Gates, W. A. Fulkerson, G. M. Olmsted, Frank Kouba, J. M. Searles, A. Van Vleck, T. M. Giberson, M. P. Mills, John Meehan, C. D. Van Vechten, C. B. Kennedy.

1885. F. C. Hormel, mayor; J. T. Stoneman, superior judge; J. C. Stoddard, treasurer; L. M. Ayers, chief engineer; John D. Blain, recorder; Michael Healy, marshal; A. R. West, city attorney. Aldermen, H. T. Brown, G. M. Olmsted, C. F. Earl, Joseph Moore, John Gates, A. Van Vleck, T. M. Giberson, A. H. Connor, J. W. Shapley, J. R. Morin, A. J. Mallahan, W. A. Fulkerson, A. D. Stevens, E. I. Foster, J. J. Snouffer, M. P. Mills, C. D. Van Vechten, J. F. Vondracek.

1886. C. W. Eaton, mayor; John T. Stoneman, superior judge; J. C. Stoddard, treasurer; L. M. Ayers, chief engineer; John D. Blain, recorder; P. H. Francis, marshal; M. P. Smith, city attorney. Aldermen, H. T. Brown, J. R. Morin, C. F. Earl, Joseph Moore, Geo. W. Bever, J. M. Miles, R. J. Thompson, J. F. Vondracek, A. D. Stevens, John Gates, A. J. Mallahan, M. P. Mills, J. W. Shapley, H. C. Waite, G. M. Olmsted, H. F. Sutliff, C. D. Van Vechten, A. H. Connor.

1887. C. W. Eaton, mayor; John T. Stoneman, superior judge; J. C. Stoddard, treasurer; L. M. Ayers, chief engineer; John D. Blain, recorder; P. H. Francis, marshal; I. N. Whittam, city attorney. Aldermen, Geo. W. Bever, J. M. Miles, R. J. Thompson, J. F. Vondracek, Frank Horak, Geo. A. Lincoln, W. A. Fulkerson, A. Matyk, H. C. Waite, G. M. Olmsted, H. F. Sutliff, M. P. Mills, A. H. Connor, E. I. Foster, John Gates, Wm. King, C. D. Van Vechten, W. C. Byers.

1888. P. Mullally, mayor; John T. Stoneman, superior judge; J. C. Stoddard, treasurer; L. M. Ayers, chief engineer; John D. Blain, recorder; P. H. Francis, marshal; I. N. Whittam, city attorney. Aldermen, Frank Horak, Geo. A. Lincoln, M. P. Mills, A. Matyk, C. Magnus, J. F. Allison, F. W. Harwood, Edward Roddy, E. I. Foster, John Gates, Wm. King, W. A. Fulkerson, W. C. Byers, H. C. Waite, G. M. Olmsted, H. V. Ferguson, R. J. Thompson, J. E. Lapham.

1889. P. Mullally, mayor; John T. Stoneman, superior judge; J. C. Stoddard, treasurer; L. M. Ayers, chief engineer; John D. Blain, recorder; P. H. Francis, marshal; I. N. Whittam, city attorney; G. A. Mitchell, city engineer. Aldermen, C. Magnus, J. F. Allison, F. W. Harwood, Edward Roddy, J. J. Snouffer, Geo. A. Lincoln, Geo. W. Noble, F. W. Slapnicka, H. C. Waite, G. M. Olmsted, H. V. Ferguson, R. J. Thompson, J. E. Lapham, F. A. Simmons, Warren Harman, F. J. Shefler, M. Ottmar, W. C. Byers.

1890. J. J. Snouffer, mayor; John T. Stoneman, superior judge; J. C. Stoddard, treasurer; L. M. Ayers, chief engineer;

John D. Blain, recorder; J. W. Hayes, marshal; N. W. McIvor, city attorney; J. D. Wardle, city engineer. Aldermen, J. J. Snouffer, M. O'Brien, W. Harman, A. St. Clair Smith, G. A. Lincoln, Geo. W. Noble, F. W. Slapnicka, J. F. Allison, J. B. Henderson, Joseph Zbanek, F. A. Simmons, F. J. Shefler, M. Ottmar, W. C. Byers, J. A. Roach, T. C. Munger, A. B. Van Albada, Frank Dietz.

1891. John B. Henderson, mayor; John T. Stoneman, superior judge; J. C. Stoddard, treasurer; L. M. Ayers, chief engineer; John D. Blain, recorder; J. W. Hayes, marshal; N. W. McIvor, city attorney; J. D. Wardle, city engineer. Aldermen, M. O'Brien, J. F. Allison, P. H. Francis, J. Zbanek, J. J. Snouffer, Geo. W. Noble, F. A. Simmons, F. W. Slapnicka, J. R. Amidon, T. C. Munger, M. Ottmar, Frank Deitz, A. St. Clair Smith, F. J. Shefler, A. B. Van Albada, G. H. Spalding.

1892. John B. Henderson, mayor; John T. Stoneman, superior judge; J. C. Stoddard, treasurer; L. M. Ayers, chief engineer; J. D. Blain, recorder; A. W. West, marshal; N. W. McIvor, city attorney; J. D. Wardle, city engineer. Aldermen, J. J. Snouffer, Geo. W. Noble, F. A. Simmons, F. W. Slapnicka, M. O'Brien, Warren Harman, M. S. Jackson, J. Zbanek, J. R. Amidon, F. J. Shefler, M. Ottmar, A. F. Schindle, A. St. Clair Smith, Ed R. Shaw, L. W. Richards, J. B. Leverich.

1893. Wm. P. Daniels, mayor; Thos. M. Giberson, superior judge; J. C. Stoddard, treasurer; J. D. Blain, recorder; A. R. West, marshal; L. M. Ayers, chief engineer; Lewis Heins, city attorney; J. D. Wardle, city engineer; board of public works, J. L. Hardwick, chairman, C. H. Swab, W. P. Clark. Aldermen, M. O'Brien, Chas. Bednar, F. H. Juckett, S. J. Maloney, J. Kozlovsky, D. F. Anderson, J. W. Gerber, F. S. Salda, F. W. Harwood, Ed R. Shaw, L. W. Richards, J. B. Leverich, A. St. Clair Smith, J. F. Shefler, L. J. Zika, A. F. Schindler.

1894. Wm. P. Daniels, mayor; Thos. M. Giberson, superior judge; J. C. Stoddard, treasurer; L. M. Ayers, chief engineer; J. D. Blain, recorder; Thomas Farmer, marshal; Lewis Heins, city attorney; J. D. Wardle, city engineer. Board of public works, Hosmer Tuttle, chairman. Aldermen, Jos. Kozlovsky, D. F. Anderson, J. W. Gerber, F. S. Salda, G. M. Schumm, Geo. Eakle, F. H. Juckett, S. J. Maloney, F. W. Harwood, F. J. Shefler, L. J. Zika, A. F. Schindler, Charles Weare, S. L. Rudolph, W. A. Smith, J. B. Leverich.

1895. Geo. A. Lincoln, mayor; T. M. Giberson, superior judge; J. C. Stoddard, treasurer; Thomas Farmer, marshal; J. D. Blain, recorder and assessor; Wm. McGowan, chief engineer; Warren Harman, city attorney; E. P. Boynton, city engineer. Board of public works, Charles Weare, chairman. Aldermen, G. M. Schumm, George Yuill, John B. Turner, S. J. Maloney, Ed H. Smith, Geo. Eakle, J. W. Gerber, Joseph Kubicek, F. W. Harwood, V. W. Johnson, James Monilaw, C. F. Hutchens, Chas. Weare, S. L. Rudolph, W. A. Smith, J. B. Leverich.

1896. Geo. A. Lincoln, mayor; Thos. M. Giberson, superior

judge; Thomas Devendorf, treasurer; Wm. McGowan, Jr., chief engineer; J. D. Blain, recorder; Thomas Farmer, marshal; Warren Harman, city attorney; E. P. Boynton, city engineer. Board of public works, Charles Weare, chairman. Aldermen, Ed H. Smith, Geo. Yuill, W. G. Haskell, S. J. Maloney, W. G. Dows, Geo. W. Eakle, John B. Turner, Joseph Kubicek, F. W. Harwood, V. W. Johnson, James Monilaw, Henry J. Rapps, C. W. Burton, David W. King, Joseph Pitlik, C. F. Hutchens.

1897. Geo. A. Lincoln, mayor; Thomas M. Giberson, superior judge; Thomas Devendorf, treasurer; Thomas Farmer, marshal; J. D. Blain, recorder; J. L. Starman, chief engineer; W. Harman, city attorney; E. P. Boynton, city engineer. Board of public works, Charles Weare, chairman. Aldermen, W. G. Dows, Geo. W. Eakle, W. G. Haskell, John Juza, R. N. Buck, R. D. Mills, Joseph Pitlik, S. J. Maloney, F. W. Harwood, David W. King, J. Y. Kennedy, J. B. Leverich, C. W. Burton, V. W. Johnson, J. H. Rothrock, Jr., Henry J. Rapps.

1898. John M. Redmond, mayor; T. M. Giberson, judge superior court; J. D. Blain, recorder; Thos. Devendorf, treasurer; J. A. Hildebrand, assessor; Jos. Kozlovsky, marshal; John L. Starman, chief of fire department; John N. Hughes, city attorney; G. H. Merridith, city engineer. Aldermen, J. F. Allison, M. Ottmar, R. N. Buck, Geo. T. Hedges, R. A. Wallace, Chas. D. Huston, W. G. Haskell, Joseph Pitlik, F. W. Slapnicka, L. M. Rich.

1899. John M. Redmond, mayor; T. M. Giberson, judge superior court; J. D. Blain, recorder; Thos. Devendorf, treasurer; J. A. Hildebrand, assessor; Jos. Kozlovsky, marshal; Jos. P. Cook, chief fire department; Henry J. Achter, auditor; John N. Hughes, city attorney; G. H. Merridith, city engineer. Aldermen, J. F. Allison, M. Ottmar, R. N. Buck, Geo. T. Hedges, R. A. Wallace, Chas. D. Huston, W. G. Haskell, J. P. Grissel, F. W. Slapnicka, L. M. Rich.

1900. John M. Redmond, mayor; James H. Rothrock, judge superior court; J. D. Blain, recorder; Thos. Devendorf, treasurer; J. A. Hildebrand, assessor; Jos. Kozlovsky, marshal; Jos. P. Cook, chief fire department; Henry J. Achter, auditor; John N. Hughes, city attorney; G. H. Merridith, city engineer. Aldermen, J. F. Allison, M. Ottmar, R. N. Buck, Geo. T. Hedges, R. A. Wallace, Chas. D. Huston, W. G. Haskell, J. P. Grissel, F. W. Slapnicka, L. M. Rich.

1901. Chas. D. Huston, mayor; Henry J. Achter, auditor; Thos. Devendorf, treasurer; George L. Mentzer, recorder; J. A. Hildebrand, assessor; Jos. P. Cook, chief fire department; James H. Rothrock, judge superior court; John N. Hughes, city attorney; T. F. McCauley, city engineer. Aldermen, J. F. Allison, H. Cushman, James H. Hughes, W. L. Cherry, F. E. Cerny, C. H. Chandler, Porter Hamilton, John Easker, F. W. Slapnicka, John F. Powers.

1902. Chas. D. Huston, mayor; Henry J. Achter, auditor; Thos. Devendorf, treasurer; Geo. L. Mentzer, recorder; J. A. Hildebrand, assessor; Jos. Kozlovsky, marshal; James H.

Rothrock, judge superior court; John N. Hughes, city attorney; T. F. McCauley, city engineer. Aldermen, J. F. Allison, H. Cushman, Jas. H. Hughes, W. L. Cherry, F. E. Cerny, C. H. Chandler, Porter Hamilton, John Easker, F. W. Slapnicka,

1903. Chas. D. Huston, mayor; Henry J. Achter, auditor; Thos. Devendorf, treasurer; Geo. L. Mentzer, recorder; J. A. Hildebrand, assessor; Jos. Kozlovsky, marshal; James H. Rothrock, judge superior court; Jos. P. Cook, chief fire department; John N. Hughes, city attorney; T. F. McCauley, city engineer. Aldermen, H. Cushman, C. O. Johnson, Jas. H. Hughes, W. L. Cherry, George Lightner, D. A. Ross, W. C. Byers, F. W. Barta, D. Feiereisen, John F. Powers.

1904. Chas. D. Huston, mayor; Henry J. Achter, auditor; Thos. Devendorf, treasurer; Geo. L. Mentzer, recorder; J. A. Hildebrand, assessor; Jos. Kozlovsky, marshal; John N. Hughes, city attorney; T. F. McCauley, city engineer; Jos. P. Cook, chief fire department; James H. Rothrock, judge superior court. Aldermen, H. Cushman, C. O. Johnson, J. H. Hughes, W. L. Cherry, Geo. Lightner, D. A. Ross, W. C. Byers, F. W. Barta, D. Feiereisen, J. F. Powers.

1905. Chas. D. Huston, mayor; Henry J. Achter, auditor; Thos. Devendorf, treasurer; H. S. Keffer, recorder; J. A. Hildebrand, assessor; Jos. Kozlovsky, marshal; John N. Hughes, city attorney; T. F. McCauley, city engineer; Jos. P. Cook, chief fire department; James H. Rothrock, judge superior court. Aldermen, H. Cushman, C. O. Johnson, J. H. Hughes, W. L. Cherry, Geo. Lightner, D. A. Ross, W. C. Byers, F. W. Barta, D. Feiereisen, J. F. Powers.

1906. Amos H. Connor, mayor; Jas. B. Gourley, auditor; Thos. Devendorf, treasurer; H. S. Keffer, recorder; J. G. Crozer, marshal; Jos. P. Cook, chief fire department; James W. Good, city attorney; T. R. Warriner, city engineer. Aldermen, Jas. H. Hughes, W. G. Rowley, George Lightner, D. A. Ross, W. C. Byers, F. W. Barta, J. K. Starman, D. Feiereisen, L. W. Anderson, Chas. H. Campbell.



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